

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, May 29, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

### APG joins veterans groups in May 27 salute

Hosts of Memorial Day events this year include American Legion Post 17, 415 Edgewood Road, assisted by VFW Post 5337 and the Edgewood Chapter of the Knights of Columbus at 10 a.m. Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command will be the guest speaker.

At 11 a.m. American Legion Post 128, VFW Post 10028 and Catholic War Veterans Post 1841 will begin their ceremonies. Col. Mardi Mark, Garrison commander will be the guest speaker.

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### Holiday hours

#### KUSAHC

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be open Friday and Saturday, May 24 and 25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and after 5 p.m. by appointment only. KUSAHC will be closed on Sunday and Monday, May 26 and 27, in observance of Memorial Day.

#### Post Theater

The Post Theater will be closed Friday, May 24 and Saturday, May 25 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

#### APG Commissary

The APG commissary, closed each Monday, will be closed on Tuesday, May 28, as part of the Memorial Day holiday. The store will resume regular hours on Wednesday, May 29.

#### Re-Nu-It Center

No change to normal operating hours.

### ATC changes test firing schedule

Between now and Oct. 1, the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center will begin its firing mission at 8 a.m., with a noise calibration shot occurring at 7:30 a.m.

Noise and vibration may be experienced off-post due to test firing and low flying aircraft. Every effort will be made to ensure operations are conducted responsibly to ensure minimal impact to residents in the surrounding communities.

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# Memorialization part of Law Day 2002



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Those recognized for their contributions to the 2002 Law Day Art and Essay contests are, in the front from left to right; Tyler Klunk, second place in the art contest, Jacob Price, art contest winner, and Vanessa Whiteford, third place in the art contest. In the back row from the left is Mary Metelski, who received an art contest certificate of achievement, Victoria Baugher, a freshman at C. Milton Wright High School and the essay contest winner, and Jennifer Moore, recipient of an art contest certificate of achievement. All art contestants are fifth graders at Bakerfield Elementary School.

### Sheila Little

APG News

Law Day 2002 at Aberdeen Proving Ground was personalized for installation personnel this year, as the day began with appreciation and recognition for the services of a former deputy staff judge advocate at the APG Courthouse.

A memorialization plaque honoring the memory of retired Lt. Col. Jackie L. Rice was unveiled outside the installation courthouse by Lt. Col. Jill M. Grant, staff judge advocate, and Dorothy Rice, widow of the honoree, at a morning ceremony on May 1.

Hosted by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, attendees included Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, commander of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison and deputy installation commander, and approximately 75 installation dignitaries, friends, coworkers, and Rice's children Mary and

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# Army wellness taking shape at APG

### Yvonne Johnson

APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground has been selected as one of five sites for the Department of the Army's new Well-Being Lab initiative. Beginning in June and lasting for a year, the Well-Being Lab at APG will contribute to the human dimension of the Army Transformation.

Well-Being is a system designed to ensure effective resourcing, delivery and evaluation of programs that have a direct or indirect impact on the well-being of the force and its readiness. Essentially, Well-being is the enhancement of Army programs that are related to enriching the lives of its members. It encompasses the entire Army community, linking individual needs with Army needs.

Brig. Gen. Jim Coggin, DA director of Human Resources Policy, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, briefed tenant commanders and garrison directors at the Edgewood Area Conference Center in April.

Coggin said Well-Being provides a framework for leaders at all levels to evaluate the effectiveness of Army programs from a readiness point of view. The program acknowledges the breadth of individual aspirations and incorporates these

aspirations into Army programs that are integrated and measurable, he said.

"Well-Being is the personal state of soldiers, civilians, and their families that contributes to their preparedness to perform the Army's mission," Coggin said. "A good Army always accomplishes its mission, then takes care of its people. A great Army does both (at the same time)."

He added that the initiative would replace the former strategy of funding for readiness and "spending what was left over for our people."

"With Well-Being, we take care of the mission and the people," he said.

The strategy includes the designation of Well-Being functional coordinators from post organizations, who, under the guidance of Linda Holloway, APG Well-Being program manager, will represent their units for the duration of the year-long lab and interact with Well-Being resource consultants.

Peter O'Connor, project director, and Keith M. Joseph, director for garrison operations, briefed unit coordinators, explaining the initiative's objectives and strategies. Their mission, Joseph said, will be to identify and present to Army leadership the most critical Well-Being issues facing the Army today.

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Photo courtesy of DSHE

The Ozone Action Days flag is flown at installation gates on Code Orange and Code Red days, when ozone levels are high. APG employees and residents can also get information from the APG Web site and through e-mail updates.

# Ozone Action Days underway

### Sheila Little

APG News

The advent of summer means a return to the observance of Ozone Action Days, May 1 to Sept. 30, on Aberdeen Proving Ground. Observing the changing status of ground level ozone and abiding by the rules to control it is particularly important, especially for those with respiratory health concerns.

Hazoor Khan, APG's Ozone Action Days air quality program manager, said remaining alert to changes in ozone conditions and abiding by the recommendations to control unhealthy levels is something that everyone should do.

"Although high levels of ozone are particularly harmful to the young, elderly, and those with health issues, the ozone is comprised of air pollutants and is something everyone should try to avoid," he said.

As outside temperatures rise, a corresponding rise in ground level air pollutants causes harmful ozone levels. Ozone is formed when nitrogen oxides from fuel burning sources like utilities and autos, and volatile organic compounds from sources such as gasoline and paints,

react in intense sunlight. A high level of ground level ozone can cause problems for those with respiratory or heart disease, and lead to difficulties for those with severe colds, throat conditions, coughing and asthma.

Staying abreast of the local ozone level helps those with such health issues make changes to remain comfortable in uncomfortable circumstances.

Ground level ozone is produced from a variety of sources, including auto emissions, boat and lawn mower exhaust, paint, and other solvents.

Because Maryland's summer air quality often exceeds healthy ozone levels, APG became a participant in Ozone Action Days and one of the first 'Endzone Partners' in 1996, a group of government, business and private organizations that joined together to take steps to reduce ground level ozone.

As an active partner, the installation and the people of APG received several awards and recognition for their efforts.

In an effort to ensure a healthy community, Khan asks that residents and workers note ozone alerts and comply

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# Ordnance Corps celebrates 190th birthday

### E.C. Starnes

OC&S

The Ordnance Corps celebrated its 190th birthday at Fanshaw Field on May 10, a wonderful spring day.

It was a beautiful day for a parade. The wind kept the temperature down and the sun shone bright to illuminate the myriad of colors in the flags visible across the parade field.

According to the Army's Chief of Ordnance, Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, it was a great day to be an ordnance soldier.

"As I stand on this parade field today, I feel proud to be a soldier, and especially proud to be an ordnance soldier," Stevenson told the soldiers and guests assembled to celebrate the past and the future of the Ordnance Corps.

"To you ordnance soldiers who stand on the field in front of us, you are

the source of that pride, you represent our future. I look at you and I know the Ordnance Corps is in good hands.

"I also am proud to be an ordnance soldier because of the heritage represented today by our Hall of Fame inductees. They prepared the way for us all, and we would not be where we are today without their enormous hard work and dedication."

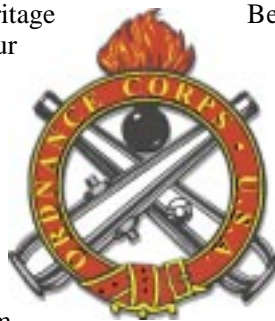
Lt. Gen. Roy E. Beauchamp, deputy commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command and the senior serving ordnance officer in the Army, expressed his pride in being an ordnance officer.

"It is a high honor for me to share the parade field with this magnificent

formation of soldiers we see before us and with our colleagues in the Marine Corps and Air Force Detachments which are part of this formation,"

Beauchamp said. "I am also delighted to recognize those ordnance soldiers from the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School who came from Redstone [Arsenal] to be part of this great event."

"The soldiers on this field represent an unbroken line of 190 years of dedicated support to our Army and service to our nation — a record that includes service in peace and in war to develop the equipment required to make our Army capable, acquiring the equipment to make it ready and sustaining it to keep it ready to answer our nation's call.



"Yes, the technology has changed; the formations look a little different; and yes, the skills have changed. But the enduring principles have not changed: commitment to our profession; dedication to our Army and our nation; and the certain knowledge that the seriousness of purpose that Ordnance soldiers bring to their work and the quality of their work will give a fellow soldier a crucial edge in situations where the difference between living and dying is measured in the split second responses of the equipment in their hands," he said.

Beauchamp stated that the Ordnance Corps has established a history of distinguished service and unwavering commitment to excellence.

"Take pride in what you do because you make our Army work,"

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**EA, AA communities to hold yard sales**

The Aberdeen Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground will hold its community yard sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 8 and 9. Rain date will be June 15 and 16. Participating housing areas include Patriot Village, Mobile Home Park, New Chesapeake, Bayside Village, School Street, Plumb Point Loop and Hopkins loop.  
The Edgewood Area of APG will hold a community yard sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 22 and 23. Rain date will be June 29 and 30. Participating housing areas include Everette Road, Deer Run, Grant Court, Skippers Point, Clearview Drive, Chevron Drive and Austin Road.  
The Community Life Mayoral Program is sponsoring this year's community yard sales.

**CWF sponsors trip to NYC**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to New York City, July 13. The bus will depart Aberdeen Proving Ground at 6 a.m., and depart New York City at 5 p.m. The price per person is \$35, which covers transportation only.  
For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

**Flowers at Re-Nu-It centers**

Housing area residents can pick up spring flowers from Re-Nu-It Centers. Each resident quarters will be issued a half flat of flowers. Organizations will be issued a whole flat of flowers. Individuals from the organization must have a valid signature card on file at the Re-Nu-It Center to pick up flowers.  
Hours of operation are:  
**Aberdeen Area**, building 5413: 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday  
**Edgewood Area**, building E-5703: 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Wednesday; and 10 a.m. to 6:15 p.m., Friday  
For more information, call 410-278-8814 in the AA, or 410-436-2398 in EA.

**KUSAHC to hold TRICARE For Life briefings**

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will hold briefings for prospective TRICARE for Life participants at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Theater on June 3 and 6, 10 a.m. to noon. An evening briefing will be held on June 12, 6 to 8 p.m. (See story on page 4.)

**RAB meeting scheduled for May 30**

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its next monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting on May 30, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include updates on the Lauderick Creek Study Area, Munitions Assessment and Processing System, and New O-Field Removal Action Update.  
Board meetings are open to the public. APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

**Child/Youth Services Summer Program**

Join the Aberdeen Area Child/Youth Services Summer Program Summer Camp Open House for registered participants June 8, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522.  
Campers will embark upon a summer journey of heroism and serving the community; meet the directors, site-supervisors, counselors, administration and sports staff and a whole lot of new friends.  
Summer Camp begins June 17.  
For more information, call the APG Youth Center at 410-278-4995. (Note: Summer Camp registration will not be available at the Open House.)


**Changes to Consolidated Service Desk training classes**

The Directorate of Information Management developed a Consolidated Service Desk for use by all organizations at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The CSD changes the way of doing business at APG, moving away from paper-based systems to Web-based systems.  
The CSD can be accessed from a link on the public APG Web site, <http://www.apg.army.mil>. Anyone requesting a product or service from DOIM should use CSD. Products and services include visual information, computer, telephone and computer application services. Customers will receive immediate e-mail confirmation of their request as well as an electronic confirmation when their request is completed.  
The DOIM is offering training that will focus on the major

business process changes and will step through the major features of CSD. Audiences include information technology personnel, trainers, and anybody who wants to learn how to use CSD.  
In the Aberdeen Area, training will be conducted at the Aberdeen Post Theater May 23, 1 to 3 p.m.  
In the Edgewood Area, training will be conducted at Edgewood Auditorium, building E-4810 on Monday, June 3, 10 to noon; on Tuesday, June 4, 1 to 3 p.m.; and on Wednesday, June 5, 10 a.m. to noon.  
Questions concerning the CSD training should be directed to David Ruff, 410-306-1325 or e-mail him at [david.ruff@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:david.ruff@usag.apg.army.mil).

**Pollution Prevention**

*To save energy, turn off lights when not in use.*



APG Pollution Prevention Program

**Re-Nu-It Center begins summer hours**

The Re-Nu-It Centers will begin summer hours effective May 13 as follows: Aberdeen Area, building 5413, Tuesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.; Edgewood Area, building E-5703, Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. For more information, call the AA center at 410-278-8814 or the EA center at 410-436-2398.

**Colon cancer information briefing**

Due to overwhelming interest following April's presentation on colon cancer, the APG Committee for the Disabled will host Michael Choti, M.D., from the Johns Hopkins Colorectal Cancer Center and an associate professor at JHU School of Medicine, in a special presentation on colon (colorectal) cancer, June 3, 3 p.m., in the Chesapeake Mezzanine, at Top of the Bay, Aberdeen Area.  
Choti is a world-renowned expert on colorectal cancer and an outspoken advocate for public awareness of medical aspects of colon cancer prevention, screening, diagnosis and treatment options.  
This presentation is open to the APG community. It is for information purposes only, and is not an APG endorsement of the speaker or any organization. For more information, call Angela Cheek, 410-278-1140.

**Parkinson's disease information briefing**

The APG Committee for the Disabled presents Rebecca Dunlop, R.N., B.S.N., nurse coordinator with The Parkinson's Disease Center of Johns Hopkins Hospital, May 30, 2:30 p.m. at Top of the Bay in the Gunpowder Lounge, Aberdeen Area.  
Dunlop will provide an overview of Parkinson's Disease that includes who is at risk; its effects on patients, family members and caregivers; and current treatment options.  
The presentation is open to the entire APG community. It is for information purposes only, and is not an APG endorsement of the speaker or any organization. For more information, call Angela Cheek, 410-278-1140.

**ACS honors military spouses**

Army Community Services is hosting a luncheon to honor military spouses May 29, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at ACS, building 2754. Military spouses of all services, retired, and active duty are invited to attend.  
Respond by calling 410-278-9669/2464.

**Badge/ID hours change**

Effective May 6, the hours of operation and services for the Aberdeen and Edgewood Areas Badge and Identification sections are as follows:  
**Aberdeen Area**  
Badge/ID/Vehicle Registration Office, building 4305, Room 101, Monday thru Friday, 7 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. All services provided Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, excluding RDO/-payday Friday.  
On Tuesday, all services provided except vehicle registration.  
**Edgewood Area**  
Badge/ID/Vehicle Registration Office, building E-4420, Room 109, Monday thru Friday, 7 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. All services provided on Tuesday.  
Only civilian ID and fingerprinting services provided

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, excluding RDO/payday Friday.  
All services include: security badges, civilian identification cards, contractor ID cards, weapons registration, vehicle registration, fingerprinting and clearing.  
**Register now for UMUC summer courses**  
Registration is now taking place for the University of Maryland University College Summer 2002 semester, which begins May 29. On-site classes offered at Aberdeen Proving Ground include BMGT 340, Business Finance, and the following  
Instructional Television Courses: BMGT 482, Business and Government; CMIS 325, UNIX with Shell Programming; COMM 390, Writing for Managers; COMM 394, Business Writing; HRMN 362, Labor Relations; and MRKT 310, Marketing Principles and Organizations. Many additional classes are available through distance education formats.  
For more assistance or to register, visit the APG office of UMUC in building 3146, or call 410-272-8269 or 410-278-4632.

**Building blocks to success**

Army Community Service is sponsoring a series of wealth building classes to teach how to manage money, live debt free and protect income.  
June 6      The Art of Budgeting  
June 13     Banking and Checking Accounts  
June 20     Using Credit Wisely  
June 27     Saving and Investing  
Classes are free and open to all civilians, active duty personnel, retirees and family members. All classes will be held 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Army Community Service Center, building 2754, Rodman Road. Space is limited.  
For more information or to reserve a seat, call Arcelio V. Alleyne, 410-278-2450. Attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch.

**ACS holds small business classes**

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program, the Veterans Business Development Program and the Small Business Development Center at Harford Community College will sponsor classes for starting a small business.  
This information will help prospective and established businesses clarify their needs, and learn more about the resources available. Classes are free to APG adults with valid ID. Register soon - seating is limited.  
The following classes will be held at the Army Community Service Employment Readiness Center, building 2752, conference room:  
May 23, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Writing Winning Loan Proposals  
June 4, 6 to 8 p.m. - Writing a Strategic Business Plan  
For registration or more information, call Marilyn Howard, family member employment readiness manager, ACS, 410-278-9669.

**NASA Space Camp scholarship available**

The Military Child Education Coalition has endowed a NASA Space Camp scholarship in memory of Bernard Curtis Brown II, who was killed on Sept. 11.  
The scholarship will fund the tuition and travel for a student to attend the NASA Space Camp this summer. Applicant must be a child of an active duty military parent and a student between sixth to ninth grades before the entry deadline of June 1.  
The recipient of the 2002 Bernard Curtis Brown II Memorial Space Camp Scholarship will be notified by June 25, and presented with the scholarship at the MCEC national conference in San Antonio, Texas, on Aug. 2.

**Employment Readiness Workshop offers summer classes**

For more information or to download an application, visit the MCEC Web site at [www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org).  
Army Community Service, Family Member Employment Readiness Program will hold Employment Readiness Workshops throughout the summer.  
The workshop includes five classes about Internet tools, resume pointers and other great ideas to energize your job search. Classes will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. every Monday in building 2752 Rodman Road, 2nd floor.  
Scheduled classes include June 24, Information session for interview skills; July 15, Job skills workshop/Finding the perfect career; Aug. 19, Information session for interview skills and Sept. 16, Information session for resumes.  
Classes are open to APG adult family members and APG civilians. To register, call Marilyn Howard, 410-278-9669.

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## MEMORIAL DAY SALUTES TO VETS



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

**Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg** will be the keynote speaker at an inter-agency salute to veterans hosted by American Legion Post 17, VFW Post 5337 and the Edgewood Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, at 10 a.m., May 27. The morning's activities include performances by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools Salute Battery, the possibility of a Maryland Army National Guard missing man fly-by, and a reception in addition to the appreciation ceremony commemorating the service and sacrifice of U.S. veterans. Contact VFW Post 5337 at 410-676-4456, or Legion Post 17, 410-676-1147, for more information.

**Col. Mardi Mark**, Garrison commander, will be the guest speaker at the American Legion Post 128, VFW Post 10028 and Catholic War Veterans Post 1841 service, 11 a.m., at the Aberdeen Veterans Memorial at the intersection of North Parke and North Rogers streets in Aberdeen. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held at the American Legion Post home located at 44 North Parke St. in Aberdeen. A luncheon will be served at the American Legion following the service.  
Both events are open to the public.



# 2002 Historical Hall of Fame Inductees



**Maj. Gen. Waldo E. Laidlaw**

Graduating from the United States Military Academy in 1926 with a commission in the Infantry, Waldo E. Laidlaw was detailed to the Ordnance Corps in 1931 after serving in the 31st Infantry Regiment in the Philippines and transferred to the Ordnance Department in 1935.

He graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1932 with a degree in mechanical engineering and completed the Ordnance School in 1933 enroute to his first Ordnance assignment at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.

In Picatinny's Time Fuse Division, he used his MIT education in time and motion studies. He not only increased time fuse production from 2,400 to 4,200 a day, but also significantly reduced the cost per fuse. As a result, the arsenal commander selected him as the assistant to the chief of the Ammunition Research and Development Branch.

From 1937 to 1939, he commanded the 27th Ordnance Maintenance Company, First Cavalry Division, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Prior to the World War II, he served in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance and was responsible for preparing tables of organization, technical manuals, and supply parts lists for the growing number of units and types of equipment in the Army's force structure.

In July 1942, he was assigned as the Ordnance Officer at the New York Port of Embarkation, coordinating the shipment of more than 150,000 items of Ordnance equipment and supplies through three aerial and seven seaports. At the conclusion of the war in Europe, he transferred to the San Francisco Port of Embarkation and shipped the supplies and equipment needed for the impending invasion of Japan.

With the end of the war in the Pacific, he was transferred to Germany and served as Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics for the Continental Base Section of the European Command from 1946 to 1947. Next he was assigned as Fourth Army Ordnance Officer

at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and then as commandant of the Ordnance School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, where he directed the expansion of the training base to meet the needs of the Korean War.

In 1952, he took command of the Ordnance Ammunition Center, comprised of 23 ammunition plants, most of which had to be reactivated and ramped up to produce the \$270 million worth of ammunition needed each month during the Korean War period.

Following a tour as the chief of Staff of Army Forces, Caribbean Command, Laidlaw culminated his career as commander, White Sands Missile Range, where he directed a major expansion to accommodate the military's growing missile development program.

Laidlaw retired in 1960 after 34 years of distinguished active service. He died in October 1987.



**Brig. Gen. Donald Armstrong**

After completing his master's degree at Columbia University in 1910, Donald Armstrong began his military career as an Army coast defense artillery lieutenant.

During World War I, he served as an Artillery officer in the American Expeditionary Forces. Then he was assigned as an assistant military attache in the American Embassy in Paris from 1919 to 1924.

Transferring to the Ordnance Department in 1923, he was assigned first to the research laboratory at Watertown Arsenal, then as a War Department planner, a member of the Field Artillery Board, and as chief of the Maintenance Division in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance.

Armstrong's assignments provided a background in research, development, industrial operations, and maintenance that would serve him well during World War II.

From 1939 to 1942, he served as executive officer then chief of the Chicago Ordnance District, coordinating industrial mobilization and wartime production in a region

covering all or part of eight Midwestern states. While assigned to the Chicago District, it awarded \$2.7 billion dollars in Ordnance Department contracts.

Next, he took command of the newly established Tank-Automotive Center in Detroit, which would later become the Tank-Automotive Command. The new center had broad responsibilities for procuring the Army's tanks and automotive equipment.

In December 1942, he assumed command of the Ordnance Replacement Training Center at APG, which trained all of the Ordnance Department's individual replacements. Armstrong reorganized the still-expanding center into three training regiments that provided sequential basic and advanced training to as many as 14,000 soldiers at a time and graduated up to three companies of replacements each week. He also established a Field Training Battalion that conducted a three-week field training exercise for all of the trainees at Camp Pickett, Va.

In August 1944, Armstrong was appointed commandant of the Army Industrial College. He was instrumental in converting it to a joint-services institution, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. During his tenure, 1,600 Naval officers became part of the student body and graduated from ICAF.

Armstrong retired in 1946 after 35 years of distinguished military service and 23 years as an ordnance officer. He died in January 1984.



**Dr. Frank E. Grubbs**

Beginning his military career as a Field Artillery lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve, in 1941, armed with advanced degrees in electrical engineering and mathematical statistics, Frank E. Grubbs entered active duty and transferred to the Ordnance Department.

Following completion of training at the Ordnance School, he was assigned to the Ballistics Research Laboratory at APG as a ballistics officer. Promoted to captain in 1942, he was appointed chief of

BRL's Surveillance Laboratory. Although he returned to the Army Reserve as a lieutenant colonel in 1947, he continued to serve in this position as a Department of Army civilian until 1954. During his tenure at the Surveillance Laboratory, he earned his Ph.D. in mathematical statistics and guided the laboratory's efforts in evaluating the reliability and ballistic characteristics of projectiles, rockets and guided missiles.

Grubbs was dispatched to England in 1944 as part of team to sample and sort the artillery ammunition stockpiled for the invasion of France. After the team conducted thousands of test firings of the hundreds of different lots of artillery ammunition in the stockpiles, he analyzed the statistical variations in the data and divided the ammunition into four large categories based on their ballistic characteristics. As a result, the firing batteries did not need to register each lot of ammunition before it was unpacked; just apply four sets of ballistic corrections to the firing tables, to achieve their objectives.

From 1954 to 1962, he served as chief of BRL's Weapons Systems Laboratory and was a pioneer in applying operations research techniques to determine characteristics and performance criteria for improved weapons systems.

In 1962, he became BRL's associate technical director and, from 1966 to 1968, simultaneously served as director of the Army Materiel Systems Analysis Center, organized under BRL to perform independent studies of systems in more than one commodity area.

From 1968 to 1972, he was the chief operations research analyst for the U.S. Army Aberdeen Research and Development Center, providing senior scientific advice on matters relating to operations research, systems analysis, probability and mathematical statistics.

In 1972, he was appointed chief operations research analyst for the entire U.S. Army Ballistics Research Laboratory and functioned as main scientific advisor to the director, each of the laboratory chiefs, and other Army agencies involved in operations research, systems analysis and related fields.

Grubbs retired in 1975 with 34 years of service. His contributions to the Army and the Ordnance Corps include more than 80 professional articles and publications. He died in January 2000.



**Dr. John W. Mauchly**

John W. Mauchly earned a Ph.D. in physics from Johns Hopkins University in 1932 and accepted a physics professorship at Ursinus College in Philadelphia the following year.

At Ursinus, Mauchly became interested in electronic computing circuitry. He assumed that a device that took advantage of vacuum tubes and electronic circuits had the potential to complete mathematical calculations far more quickly than existing mechanical computing devices.

Mauchly's interest in electronic computing led him to the Moore School of Electrical Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania, where he took a course on "Defense Training in Electronics" in the summer of 1941. At Penn he met a young, talented electrical engineer, J. Presper Eckert, who shared his interest in an electronic calculating machine.

The U.S. Army Ordnance Corps was also interested in

such a device. In the early 1940s, the Army was having difficulty completing the ballistics calculations needed to prepare firing tables for new artillery pieces coming off World War II assembly lines.

In July 1943, the Ordnance Corps' Ballistics Research Laboratory at APG offered Mauchly and Eckert a contract to develop an Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer, or ENIAC, the world's first electronic computer. Mauchly applied his talents to designing the computer while Eckert used his engineering skills to build reliable, efficient components.

Completed in late 1945, ENIAC was installed and unveiled at APG in February 1946. It completed calculations 100 to 1,000 times faster than existing mechanical calculators. Computations on a projectile trajectory that used to take 20 hours could now be done in 30 seconds.

Even before ENIAC was completed, Mauchly and his team began working on EDVAC, a second-generation computer that could be internally programmed.

EDVAC joined ENIAC at APG in August 1949, making APG the world's premier computer center in the early 1950s. These computers calculated projectile and rocket ballistic trajectories, performed hydrogen bomb calculations, predicted weather patterns and facilitated wind tunnel design.

Mauchly died in January 1980.

## APG youth tennis classes begin soon

Tennis classes for youth ages 7 and older will be held June 24 to Aug. 7, every Monday and Wednesday. Classes cost \$40 for 12 sessions. Youths must be current members of the APG Youth Center. There is a 10 percent discount for additional sibling(s). Registration will be held through May 28.

Class schedule for the Aberdeen Area is 10 to 11:15 a.m., at building 2752. For more information, call Amie Przygoda, 410-278-7571 or e-mail her at Amie.Przygoda@usag.apg.army.mil.

Class schedule for the Edgewood Area is 8 to 9:15 a.m., at building E-1902. For more information, call Scott Cottrell, 410-436-2172 or e-mail him at Scott.Cottrell@usag.apg.army.mil.



# 2002 Contemporary Hall of Fame Inductees



## Gen. John G. Coburn

A graduate of Eastern Michigan University, John G. Coburn became an ordnance officer in 1962.

During the course of his career, he served in Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, and Germany as well as stateside. While overseas, he commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Company, III Corps; served as an assistant operations officer in II Field Force, Vietnam; held a series of key assignments in the Taiwan Materiel Agency; advised the Saudi Army; commanded the 124th Maintenance Battalion and the 2nd Armored Division Support Command; and served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, U.S. Army Europe.

In 1992, he became the chief of Ordnance and commanding general of the Ordnance Center and School. Indicative of his most significant accomplishments, he reorganized OC&S, based on a bottom-up review of the efficiency of the organization's operations; spearheaded efforts to consolidate proponent military occupational specialties; moved power-generation equipment training from Fort Belvoir, Va., to OC&S; and prepared for the transfer of signal maintenance military occupational specialties to the Ordnance Corps. He also instituted a Reserve Component Advisory Program, established a centralized computer laboratory for teaching the Standard Army Maintenance System, redesigned the Ordnance Battle Labs Program, and revitalized the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course.

In 1994, he was promoted to Lieutenant General and assigned as Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Materiel Command. With his guidance, AMC developed the Bosnia Technology Integration Cell to enhance the command's support of forces deployed to Bosnia; established the Industrial Operations Command to manage the Army's arsenals, depots, and war reserve stocks; simplified the contracting process; reduced administrative and production lead times; and supported Force XXI initiatives in the areas of equipment, techniques and systems.

From 1996 to 1999, he served as the Army Deputy

Chief of Staff for Logistics and assumed responsibility for policy, planning, programming, budgeting, management, staff supervision, evaluation, oversight and information system support for all of the logistics activities of the Department of the Army.

In 1999, he became the fourth ordnance 4-star general officer in U.S. Army history and assumed command of AMC. In addition to other command responsibilities, he assumed management responsibility for conventional ammunition for the armed services, a program involving \$1.2 billion a year in Army ammunition procurement and an additional \$345 million in procurement orders for the other services, as well as the management of a \$28 billion conventional ammunition stockpile. He also actively promoted "A Revolution in Military Logistics" through the Wholesale Logistics Modernization Program, designed to enhance logistics support through the use of the latest practices and technological developments.

Coburn retired in 2001 after almost 40 years of distinguished service to his country and the Ordnance Corps.



## Maj. Gen. Chester M. McKeen Jr.

Upon graduating from the Ordnance Officer Candidate School as a second lieutenant in 1943, Chester M. McKeen, Jr. served in the Pacific with the 362nd Ordnance Maintenance Company (Anti-Aircraft) during the assault on Iwo Jima.

In 1947, he was assigned as a production planning control officer at the Frankford Arsenal in Philadelphia where he developed a pioneering production control system using IBM punch-card technology. Taking advantage of the efficiencies gained from this system, he managed over \$1 billion in new production work during the first year of the Korean War and subsequently assumed responsibility for the management of all fire control production for the Office Chief of Ordnance.

From 1954 to 1956, he served as chief of the Management Section in the Comptroller's Branch, Ordnance Division, and Headquarters, U.S. Army Europe. Charged with improv-

ing the division's supply functions, he developed a centralized stock control system that used linked electrical accounting machines to track more than 140,000 items in depots scattered across France and Germany.

Following Command and General Staff College and completion of the Military Assistance Institute, he was assigned to the Military Assistance Advisory Group, Vietnam in 1960. He had consecutive assignments in the Requirements Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics; Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations and Logistics; the U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group, Germany; the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; and Headquarters, Department of Army, where he served as the director of Materiel Acquisition for the DCSLOG. In this position, he was instrumental in developing and gaining Congressional approval for a \$12 billion modernization plan for the Army's aging ammunition plants.

After a brief tour in Vietnam as commander, U.S. Army Procurement Agency, he was appointed deputy commander, U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command. During this assignment, he initiated a program to enhance the performance of the Army's 2-ton and 5-ton trucks to function effectively in sandy terrain.

In 1972, he was assigned director of Requirements and Procurement in Headquarters, AMC, and successfully negotiated a major contract with Saudi Arabia for 2- and 5-ton trucks. This contract not only resolved a series of earlier international misunderstandings but also resulted in a production line that reduced the Army costs for subsequent buys.

In the last three years of his career, first as project manager for Tank Production Acceleration then as commander, TACOM, he was largely responsible for accelerating the production of the M60 tank and upgrading the M48 series tank to the M48A5. Both programs were completed ahead of schedule and under cost.

McKeen retired in 1975 after 35 years of distinguished service to the Army and the Ordnance Corps.



## Maj. Gen. James W. Monroe

A 1963 distinguished graduate of West Virginia State College, James W. Monroe attended the Ordnance Officer Basic Course in 1963 and Armor Officer Basic Course in 1964.

His initial assignments were in Germany, where he was a

platoon leader for the 31st Ordnance Company and two armored cavalry platoons in the 9th Cavalry, 24th Infantry Division and later Commander, 621st General Supply Company.

He served as ordnance advisor to the Saudi Army's Chief of Ordnance from 1968 to 1969 and, after an assignment as assistant professor of Military Science, earned a master's in political science with a concentration in Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Cincinnati in 1973.

In addition to assignments as strategic intelligence officer at the Pentagon and instructor at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Monroe commanded the 61st Maintenance Company in Korea, the 71st Maintenance Battalion in Germany, and the 24th Infantry Division Support Command at Fort Stewart.

Following command at Fort Stewart, he served as the assistant chief of staff, for the U.S. Army Central Command and then, as the deputy chief of staff for Logistics and deputy for Host Nation Support at U.S. Army Forces Central Command during Operation Desert Storm.

In 1991, he was assigned as deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command. While in this position, he received a temporary assignment first as the deputy commander, and later as the commanding general, of AMC's Logistics Support Group during Hurricane Andrew relief efforts.

In 1994, he was selected as commanding general, OC&S, and chief of Ordnance. In this assignment, he was instrumental in reorganizing and stabilizing the school's workforce after the turbulence caused by the establishment of the Combined Arms Support Command.

In 1995, he assumed command of the U.S. Army Industrial Operations Command at Rock Island, Ill. This newly established command encompassed the Army's arsenals, depots, plants, and pre-positioned stocks and contained 80 percent of the Army's industrial base with assets totaling over \$27 billion. Under his leadership, the IOC matured into a worldwide command linking the United States defense industry to more than 23,000 military and civilian personnel and 11,000 contractor personnel located in 25 states and eight overseas locations.

Monroe retired in 1998 after 35 years of service to the Army and the Ordnance Corps.



## Brig. Gen. Anthony F. Daskevich

Beginning his Army career as an enlisted soldier in 1941, Anthony F. Daskevich received a battlefield commission during World War II and

led a tank platoon in combat in the European Theater. In 1951, following an assignment as a maintenance officer in Germany, he transferred from the Armor Branch to the Ordnance Corps and took command of the 18th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company in Germany.

In his next assignment as an instructor for the Officer Basic and Advanced Courses at the Ordnance School, he revised Field Manual 9-10, the only Army publication dealing with Direct Support maintenance operations at the time. He applied lessons learned as a maintenance company commander and combat veteran to update and improve field maintenance doctrine.

Following assignments as ordnance advisor to the Venezuelan Army and as a project officer on the Ordnance Board, which was subsequently incorporated into the Maintenance Agency, Combat Developments Command, APG, he took command of the 4th Ordnance Battalion (Maintenance and Supply) in Korea. This battalion integrated all non-divisional Ordnance, Signal, Engineer Maintenance, and Quartermaster units in South Korea and was one the precursors of the multi-functional corps support battalion. Under his leadership, the 4th Ordnance Battalion developed the standing operating procedures necessary for these diverse units to function as a team.

From 1966 to 1969, he was assigned to Combat Developments Command, most notably as the project officer for a Department of Army project known as Combat Operational Loss and Expenditure Data-Vietnam. Within three months, he devised a collection plan and organized teams to collect data on combat vehicles damaged by enemy artillery and assess artillery ammunition expenditure rates. The results led to improvements in vehicle survivability and laid the groundwork for developing revised ammunition expenditure tables.

Concurrently, he was tapped to support a Department of Defense project for utilization and redistribution of material in the Pacific. Under Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Heiser Jr.'s guidance, they developed an inter-service plan to identify and redistribute excess material that, in turn, helped the government avoid both unnecessary new procurement and drains on existing depot stocks.

He culminated his career in a number of key assignments: commander, Tooele Army Depot, 1969 to 1971; commander, VII Corps Support Command, 1971 to 1973, and deputy commanding general, TACOM, 1973 to 1975.

At TACOM, he overhauled the wholesale supply operation, improving stock availability from 58 to 85 percent, and established a liaison program with the divisions and separate regiments specifically designed to address the unit readiness.

Daskevich retired in 1975 after 34 years of service, 24 as an ordnance officer who made a wide range of contributions to the Corps.



## CW4 Jay G. Gruwell

Jay G. Gruwell joined the Army in 1949 and became an ordnance soldier in 1952. Subsequently he served as a wheeled vehicle mechanic, ordnance supply clerk, motor sergeant and vehicle inspector.

In 1961, he received a direct appointment as a warrant officer. Following his initial assignment as a maintenance technician for the 39th Transportation Company in Germany, he was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry, at Fort Devens, Mass., where he established a program for field maintenance support, to include operations in Arctic conditions.

During exercise "Great Bear" in Alaska, his maintenance team achieved a 90 percent vehicle availability rate despite bitter sub-zero temperatures.

Afterward, he was assigned to Taiwan serving as Ordnance Supply Advisor to the Republic of China Army. In this capacity, he developed a maintenance and rebuild program to extend the life of Taiwan's aging World War II vehicles and 90mm guns.

Following a brief stateside tour as battalion maintenance officer in the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash., he was assigned as shop officer for the 538th Engineer Battalion (Construction) in Thailand, and then for Company C, 51st Maintenance Battalion in Germany. He established a maintenance program for the 538th that improved the battalion's operational rate to 85 percent despite heavy equipment use and tropical conditions. Likewise, in less than three months, he provided the technical leadership critical to helping the 51st eliminate a backlog of over 300 deadlined 5-ton trucks.

After a tour in South Vietnam as maintenance officer for 2nd Battalion, 77th Artillery, 25th Infantry Division, he returned to Germany. In the 1st Support Brigade, he developed and supervised repair allocations and training programs for maintenance of over 650 newly-introduced International Harvester "Fleetstar" tractors, and established a maintenance plan for rehabilitation of POMCUS (prepositioned) stocks. As chief of Inventory at Miesau, he planned, staffed, and organized the inventory management functions for more than 240,000 short tons of ammunition, the largest ammunition inventory outside of the United States; under his leadership, the depot consistently maintained oversight of this inventory with at least 95 percent accuracy.

He culminated his military career as a training battalion maintenance officer at Fort

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# Fame

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Knox, and retired in 1976 after 27 years in uniform.

He joined the Chrysler Corporation as a quality-control engineer at its Detroit Arsenal Tank Plant and began a 17-year career in the civilian sector which kept him closely involved in the production of the M60 Tank, the M1 Tank, and the follow-on series of Abrams Tanks until 1993.

In April 1993, Gruwell moved to Sarasota, Fla., to reside near members of his immediate family. He died in September 2001.



## Command Sgt. Maj. Billy E. Prysock

Billy E. Prysock entered the Army in 1954, beginning a long career as a manager, trainer, and leader in the ammunition field.

He served as an ammunition platoon sergeant and twice as first sergeant in ammunition companies during two tours of duty in Vietnam.

He also served three tours of duty at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, progressing from assignments as instructor, chief instructor, and operations NCOIC to sergeant major for the Directorate of Training.

During these assignments, he was instrumental in restructuring the enlisted ammunition career field and implementing the Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Courses.

In 1975, as command sergeant major of the 19th Support Group in Korea, he served on two major study groups. One group devised a system for the renovation and maintenance of Republic of Korea ammunition stocks, and the other developed plans for the shipment of ammunition north of the Han River, in the event of war.

While serving as the command sergeant major for the U.S. Army Logistics Center from 1985 to 1987, he applied his expertise in training to restructure and improve the Noncommissioned Officer Education System. Assisted by the school command sergeants major, he developed a Noncommissioned Officer Academy model for ALC's four associated schools, which included OC&S and the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

In addition, he served tours of duty as command sergeant major for the 19th Support Command, Korea; Pusan Garrison, Korea; 7th Infantry Division, Fort Ord; Depot Systems Command, Chambersburg, Pa.; 3rd Support Command, Germany;

and Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal. While serving in these organizations, he was recognized for his attention to the needs of his soldiers and their families.

During his career, he trained and mentored more than 75 command sergeants major, 18 staff sergeants major, and 169 first sergeants.

Prysock retired in 1989 after 35 years of distinguished service to the Army and the Ordnance noncommissioned officer corps.



## Dr. Philip W. Lett

Dr. Philip W. Lett joined Chrysler Defense Operations in 1950, beginning a life-long association with armored vehicle research and development.

He was first involved in the development of the M48 series tank. As project engineer, he supervised the technical effort and coordinated with the Army in the test and evaluation process. The M48 contained numerous design firsts: the one-piece cast turret and hull permitted seamless gradations in the thickness of its armor and optimized ballistic protection; and, largely as a result of Lett's contributions in fire control design and development, it was the first U.S. tank with a rangefinder and ballistic computer.

In 1954, Lett became chief engineer with major responsibilities for the Army's main battle tank, the M60. The M60 tank incorporated numerous improvements, many of which were retrofitted to the M48. The M60 accepted a much larger, 105mm gun and took advantage of an air-cooled diesel engine which was much less susceptible to fire than the gasoline engines initially used in the M48 series tanks.

In 1972, when the Army launched its XM-1 tank program and provided development and unit-cost requirements to potential manufacturers, Lett led General Dynamics' design and development team efforts to win the contract. His team won the competition against General Motors by meeting the Army's stringent performance and reliability specifications at a lower unit production cost.

For the remainder of his career, Lett led the General Dynamics Land Systems team through the development, testing, and production of the M1 Abrams Tank and its follow-on variants. He and his team were responsible for many of the series innovative features—compartmentalized ammunition, composite armor, a 120mm main gun, the first tank turbine engine, an excellent suspension system, and a stabilized fire control system—and ultimately a combat weapon system of unprecedented power and speed with the first truly successful, high-speed "shoot-on-the-move" capability.

As a result, he is generally considered to be the "Father of the M1 Tank," the 20th Century's finest armored fighting vehicle.

The success of Lett's efforts were clearly demonstrated during Operation Desert Storm, when M1 tanks destroyed more than 2,000 enemy tanks while suffering only 18 damaged M1s in return.

Upon retirement, Lett continues as a consultant to General Dynamics, and his advice on armor vehicle design is sought worldwide.



## Dr. Rocco A. Petrone

Rocco A. Petrone graduated from the United States Military Academy and was commissioned an Ordnance officer in 1946.

After serving in maintenance units for three years in Germany, the Army sent him to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He earned a master's in mechanical engineering from MIT in 1951 and was well on his way to completing a doctorate when the Army transferred him to Redstone Arsenal in 1952 to join the Ordnance Corps' Redstone Missile Program.

While assigned to the Arsenal, he participated in the development of the Redstone, the nation's first ballistic missile and was a member of the Missile Firing Laboratory when the first Redstone launch took place at Cape Canaveral in August 1953. Thus began

Petrone's long association with America's missile development program, first with the Ordnance Corps and then with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

From 1956 to 1960, he served on the Army General Staff where he worked closely with the Office of the Chief of Ordnance to develop maintenance support packages for the emerging family of Army rockets and guided missiles. Afterward, the Army loaned him to NASA at Cape Kennedy as the Saturn project officer, and in 1961, he was assigned as the Apollo Program Manager. While on loan to NASA, he was involved in the first four Saturn launches and was responsible for the planning, construction, and activation of the launch facilities for the Apollo Program.

In 1966, he retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel and joined the civilian workforce at NASA as the director of Launch Operations. His launch team was responsible for the checkout and launching of all space vehicles, to include the famous Apollo 11, the first lunar landing.

Subsequently, he was promoted to director of the Apollo Program in Washington, D.C., where he was responsible for the overall direction and management of the remaining Apollo launches, and then assigned as program director for the Joint U.S./Soviet Apollo-Soyuz Test Project. In recognition of his contributions to the nation, Rollins College awarded him an honorary Doctorate of Science in 1969.

In 1973, NASA appointed him director of the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, and shortly thereafter as the associate administrator at NASA headquarters. In this position, he was the third-ranking executive in NASA and responsible for research and development programs.

When he left NASA in 1975, he was appointed president and chief executive of the non-profit National Center for

Resource Recovery, dedicated to the recovery of materials and energy from solid waste.

In 1981, Petrone joined Rockwell International and became president of the Space Transportation Systems Division where he was charged with the development and production of the space shuttle orbiter and continued his work as one of America's pioneers in guided missile and space flight development.



## Dr. Joseph Sperrazza

After graduating from Cooper Union School of Engineering in 1941, Joseph Sperrazza embarked on a 38-year Department of Army career as an engineer, researcher, and systems analyst for the Ordnance Corps' Ballistics Research Laboratory, culminating as Director of the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity at APG. In the process, he earned a master's and doctorate in engineering from Johns Hopkins University.

Sperrazza carried out pioneering work in the fields of systems analysis, wound ballistics, and weapons effects to ensure that the best possible weapons and equipment were developed and fielded.

He chaired the Joint Technical Coordinating Group for Munitions Effectiveness, which assessed weapons effectiveness in Vietnam and result-

ed in a three-volume study on wound data. The Battlefield Damage Assessment and Reporting Team extended this work into the area of weapons effects on materiel. Wound data and studies of weapons effects led to the development of Kevlar body armor, armor plate, and helmets as well as improved small arms ammunition for automatic weapons. Likewise, his studies of gun tube erosion and its effect on ballistics led to improvements in artillery systems.

Sperrazza's research into weapons and munitions effects also led to many improvements in equipment survivability. Under his guidance, AMSAA developed the TOW antitank system under armor, increased helicopter survivability through improved design of critical parts, added lightweight armor to the S-280 Shelter, and configured safer storage for propellant charges on the M109 self-propelled howitzer.

Starting in 1968, Sperrazza led AMSAA in performing systems analysis studies in support of research and development efforts by the arsenals, commodity commands, project managers, and the Department of the Army staff. These studies identified where efficiencies could be realized without sacrificing effectiveness and resulted in millions of dollars saved in the procurement of Long-Range Navigation, or LORAN, Standard Lightweight Avionics Equipment, or SLAE, and wheeled and track vehicles.

He also applied systems analysis to the research and development process itself, improving the design of experiments, simulations, and tests by placing emphasis on the replication of realistic battle-field conditions.

Sperrazza retired from AMSAA in 1979. He died in June 1998.

# Using ABC-C to make TSP changes

**Teri Wright**  
*CPAC*

## Establishing a POE account

Employees accessing the Army Benefits Center-Civilian for the first time to make changes to the Thrift Savings Plan will need to establish a Point of Entry account. The most recent SF 50-B (Notification of Personnel Action) or Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) will provide the information needed to establish the account.

The ABC-C Web site offers detailed instructions about setting up the account. From the ABC-C Home Page at [www.abc.army.mil](http://www.abc.army.mil), select the 1st Time Visitor prompt, which

will direct users to the POE account information. It is very important to carefully read and follow the directions when establishing the account.

For any error messages or a message indicating “try again later” or “cannot successfully establish your account” after three tries, contact the SW CPOC Helpdesk at 785-239-2000 or DSN 856-2000 during normal business hours (central time) or e-mail [helpdesk@cpocswr.army.mil](mailto:helpdesk@cpocswr.army.mil). This number is only for technical support and not counseling services.

## ABC-C pin

An employee’s Social Security Number and Personal Identification Number constitute “electronic signature.” Upon

first contact with the ABC-C, employees will establish a PIN. The temporary PIN is month and year of birth. (If born February 1960, the temporary PIN will be 0260.) Upon accessing the system, employees will be prompted to change their PIN to a six-digit number.

Do not confuse an ABC-C PIN with any other PIN (i.e. TSP, E/MSS).

If 90 days have elapsed since last contact with the ABC-C, employees will be prompted to change their PIN.

User ID, password and PIN should be kept safe, but available when needed. If misplaced, employees must contact the SW CPOC Helpdesk at 785-239-2000 or DSN 856-2000.

# VA benefits booklet available on Web

**Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem, USA**  
*American Forces Press Service*

The Department of Veterans Affairs has made a free comprehensive benefits guide available on the Internet.

Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents at <http://www.va.gov/pubaff/febben/Fedben.pdf> is a 118-page handbook describing benefits provided by the VA and an overview of programs and services for veterans provided by other federal agencies.

VA officials estimate most of America’s 25 million veterans qualify for at least some VA benefits, but many are unaware of their entitlements. This handbook includes a listing of toll-free numbers, World Wide Web information resources and VA facilities.

Most veterans are eligible for healthcare and burial benefits. Many are also eligible for home loan guarantees, educational assistance, vocational rehabilitation, life insurance and compensation for service-connected disabilities.

This guide explains how to access many of these benefits online. For instance, it pro-

vides a Web address and instructions for enrolling into the VA healthcare system via the Internet.

The book describes in detail the priority for care and services available. Separate sections describe specialized services available to Gulf War veterans and those exposed to Agent Orange or radiation.

The Montgomery GI Bill and other education benefits are explained in depth. Burial benefits and employment service are also covered, as are rate charts for various forms of VA compensation .

The book can be purchased through the Government Printing Office for \$5 for U.S.-based customers and \$6.25 for those overseas by calling toll-free 1-866-512-1800. By going online at <http://www.va.gov/opa/feature/>, the VA hopes to make the information available to more veterans.

To view/print the handbook, Adobe Acrobat Reader software is required.

This free software is available for download from the Adobe Web site at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html>.

# Spouse clubs disburse \$8,900

**Sheila Little**  
*APG News*

The Edgewood Area Officers’ Wives Club and the Military and Civilian Spouses Club have announced their 2002 welfare and services and charities disbursements. The EA-OWC distributed \$5400 in support of local scout and school programs, community charities and military unit family support and morale.

Diane Payne, chairperson of the EA-OWC Services and Charities Committee, said that although the club donates to local community programs, it emphasizes giving back to the military community, including the soldiers and their families, many of whom are separated due to current military efforts.

“Our members are not only members of the military community, but also part of the local neighborhoods in which they live and work. Numerous people donated their money, time and talent in raising these funds, and we try to show our appreciation by donating to both on and off-post organizations,” Payne said. “Thanks to

everyone who made these donations possible.”

The MCSC has donated to local scout troops and elementary schools, local and nationally-known charities, and local and national military support efforts. This year’s welfare disbursements for the MCSC are \$3,500, with \$8,900 in total service and charity disbursements for both spouse organizations.

Melanie Galinger, MCSC Welfare chairman, thanked the community for supporting the organization’s fundraising efforts, and thanked the members who helped to raise the funds.

“Thank you to everyone who helped with bake sales, sold tickets, volunteered to gift wrap, and participated in ways too numerous to mention,” Galinger said. “Our community has a giving spirit.”

Each year the spouse clubs fund higher education scholarships. The scholarship recipients will be named in a future edition of the *APG News*.

# Alleviating allergies

*Sierra Military Health Services, Inc.*

According to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, more than 50 million Americans suffer from allergic diseases annually. Often confused with a cold, allergies are immune system reactions to normally harmless substances, such as food, ragweed or pollen.

Preventing allergies is as easy or difficult as avoiding exposure to harmful substances. Medications are available to alleviate uncomfortable allergy-related symptoms, which may include sneezing, watery eyes, repeated ear and sinus infections, frequent coughing or dark circles under the eyes caused by increased blood flow near the sinus.

Food and pollen allergies are among the most common allergies. Symptoms of food allergies may include skin problems (itching, rashes or hives), intestinal problems (abdominal pain, diarrhea or vomiting) or more serious problems, such as swelling of the respiratory passages, shortness of breath, fainting or anaphylactic shock. The most common food allergies are

egg, milk, shellfish, peanuts, soy and wheat.

Allergies to ragweed and tree pollen are seasonal. Ragweed, curly dock, plantain and sagebrush are among the most prolific producers of pollen allergens. Although the ragweed season runs from August to November, pollen levels peak in mid September in many areas in the country. Tree pollen can travel several miles from its original source.

Pollen counts are highest between 5 and 10 a.m. and on dry, hot and windy days. Avoiding the outdoors between these hours, saving outdoor activities for late in the afternoon or after a heavy rain, and drying your clothes indoors (clothes dried on the line may catch pollen and bring it indoors) will reduce your risk of an allergic reaction.

If you are not sure whether you have allergies or a cold, call the 24-hour Health Care Information Line for help. Call 1-800-308-3518 anytime, day or night to speak to a nurse or to access the Health Information Library (Pin #208).

# Ordnance

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Beauchamp said.

The general talked of the dramatic transformation occurring in the Army today. He noted that there will be new technology giving the Army more capability, and that the Ordnance Corps would have a major role in the transformation.

“ . . . you may rest assured,” he said, “that whatever systems we develop and deploy, whatever technology we engage, an Ordnance soldier will be standing nearby to fix it when it breaks or to put it back in service when it is damaged in combat.”

There is no doubt, he continued, that the Ordnance Corps will continue to lead the way in maintenance and munitions while assisting in the support of the Army’s transformation.

“And,” he told the soldiers gathered on the field, “that is the challenge of your generation. You must also lead and manage and help execute the transformation which your Army is now undergoing.

“So, learn your craft; take pride in what you bring to our Army; be a proud member of this distinguished fraternity

who can call themselves logisticians.

“On this beautiful afternoon, as you honor us by your formations passing in review before us, with your colors flying high, you will rekindle those emotions that only a soldier and a soldier’s family can feel. It is truly those emotions that make us an Army of One: one mind committed to the service of our nation; one heart that makes the sacrifices of a soldier and a soldier’s family bearable; and one ennobling profession that binds us together in a brotherhood unlike any other.”

The soldiers were led by Brig. Gen. Arthur C. Nuttall, deputy commanding general for Mobilization and Training at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools. Forming the honor contingent were the 61st Ordnance Brigade, under the command of Col. John R. Hills and Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Cathcart; the 59th Ordnance Brigade, under the command of Col. David Hafele and Command Sgt. Maj. Larry C. Taylor; the Noncommissioned Officer Academy (APG), commanded by Command Sgt. Maj. Manuel Torres; the Noncommissioned Officer Academy (Redstone Arsenal, Ala.) commanded by Command Sgt. Maj. Mark R. Hole; the U.S. Marine Corps

Detachment, commanded by Maj. Dan Mielke and 1st Sgt. Jose N. Osorio Jr.; the U.S. Air Force Detachment, commanded by Maj. Curtis Schmucker and Master Sgt. Todd C. Gilcrest; the OC&S Combined Honor Guard, led by Command Sgt. Maj. Timonthy D. Ayers; the 389th Army Band (AMC’s Own), commanded by Chief Warrant Officer Jerry L. Standridge; and the Salute Battery, commanded by Chief Warrant Officer David Hester.

The Ordnance 190th Anniversary Review was the public conclusion of several days of events celebrating the Corps’ birthday, which began Wednesday with the annual Ordnance Corps Association Golf Tournament at Ruggles Golf Course.

On Thursday, the Ordnance Corps honored its past with the induction of 13 members. Included were Maj. Gen. Waldo E. Laidlaw, Brig. Gen. Donald J. Armstrong, Dr. Frank E. Grubbs, Dr. John W. Mauchly, Gen. John G. Coburn, Maj. Gen. Chester M. McKeen Jr., Maj. Gen. James W. Monroe, Brig. Gen. Anthony F. Daskevich, CW4 Jay G. Gruwell, Command Sgt. Maj. Billy E. Prysock, Dr. Philip W. Lett, Dr. Rocco A. Petrone, and Dr. Joseph Sperrazza. (Bioraphies begin on page 3.)

Honoring the new inductees or their representatives at the Ordnance Museum was the Chief of Ordnance, assisted by Gen. (retired) Leon E. Salomon, Honorary Colonel of the Corps; retired Chief Warrant Officer George T. Reno, Honorary Warrant Officer of the Corps; and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Willie E. Battle Jr., Honorary Sergeant Major of the Corps.

On Friday evening, the Ordnance Anniversary Ball was held at Top of the Bay, with Gen. Paul J. Kern serving as the guest speaker. Sergeant Major of the Army Jack L. Tilley was the guest speaker at the Ordnance Enlisted Ball on Saturday.

# Law Day

From front page

Joseph. The former deputy staff judge advocate, who passed away in 1998, is credited with overseeing the design and renovation of the courthouse, building 2043, during his tenure from 1993 to 1995. After renovations were completed, the courthouse was the site of several courts-martial and misconduct cases which received national media attention. Rice’s planning and attention to detail offered an up-to-date facility for the proceedings.

Doesburg said the occasion, though bittersweet, was necessary as a way to look at what is available at APG and take the time to recognize those individuals responsible for many improvements.

“Lt. Col. Rice was widely respected for his dedication to his personal family as well as the Army family and the military justice system. He also was instrumental in the selection and renovation of this building.” Doesburg continued, “This memorialization is truly an honor for the Army, and this dedication will serve as a testament to Lt. Col. Rice’s efforts on behalf of Aberdeen Proving Ground, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, and the Army.”

Noting Rice’s contributions during 20 years in the Army, including service in Vietnam, his work on the courthouse, and outstanding job performance and mentoring skill, Grant said the idea to publicly acknowledge his contributions immediately caught on with the legal staff.

“This Law Day is particularly meaningful because we remember one of our own,” Grant said. “Through this memorialization, we gain inspiration as we reflect on his dedication, and the dedication of others like him.”

Thanking APG for remembering her late husband, Dorothy Rice said she was touched and very grateful.

“I am surprised and warmed that people would go to such efforts,” she said. Joseph Rice, whom attended Aberdeen High School while his father was stationed at APG added, “It is really nice to know that other people regarded him as highly as we did.”

Described as a listener who was easy-going and down-to-earth, Rice, a former enlisted soldier who attended law school during a break in service, was fondly remembered as the perfect mentor.

Paul Marone, who served in APG’s Office of the Staff Judge Advocate as a young officer and lawyer and is now a civilian prosecutor, said Rice was a role model for him and for others in the office new to the Army and new to the legal profession.

“He was instrumental in helping us build a foundation,” Marone said. While overseeing the courthouse renovations Rice continued to set the example and share the wisdom of his experience with those serving around him. “He excelled in developing young officers and JAGs,” Marone said.

The 8:30 a.m. ceremony and reception was followed by the traditional Law Day luncheon at Top of the Bay. More than 125



Photo by Sheila Little

Building 2034, the site of a memorialization ceremony May 1, honors Lt. Col. Jackie L. Rice, a former deputy staff judge advocate who played a pivotal role in the design and renovation of building. A plaque enumerating his contributions is affixed to the courthouse wall, near the entrance.

gathered for a buffet meal followed by remarks from U. S. Attorney for the District of Maryland Thomas M. DiBiagio. Hosted by Grant and Augustus F. Brown, president of the Harford County Bar Association, the program also included opening remarks from Doesburg and an invocation by APG Garrison Chaplain Lt. Col. Kenneth Kolenbrander.

Addressing this year’s theme, ‘Celebrate your freedom, assuring equal justice for all,’ Maryland’s top federal prosecutor focused on his philosophy for fighting crime. He opened his remarks with a thank you to the military for protecting the freedom of all U.S. citizens. The Baltimore native, whose father received two silver stars for military service and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, said he is grateful for those who put their lives on the line in service to the country.

“You make it possible for me to serve in a different way,” he said.

DiBiagio, the author of numerous journal articles on judicial and public corruption, evidence and criminal procedure, reviewed his approach for reducing crime in Maryland.

Referring to the high murder rate in Baltimore, DiBiagio said going after those who commit violent crime is his number one priority.

“We aggressively go after violent drug organizations as a way to lower the murder rate,” he said. DiBiagio added that those committing violent carjackings, kidnappings, and bank robberies, in addition to those violating firearms laws, are also aggressively followed up.

Another closely monitored group is those who commit white-collar crime, said DiBiagio. He cited the All First Bank scandal in which millions of dollars is missing, as just the latest in a

series of white-collar crimes. Contractors who steal or take kick-backs are also watched under his white-collar crime agenda.

The third area of focus for the District of Maryland is public corruption.

“The citizens of Maryland have a right to fair and honest government, but people have to come forward,” DiBiagio said. The Baltimore City Housing Authority, which cannot account for thousands of dollars, was used as an example of the corruption of those serving in public office.

Referring to the safety of the nation in relation to terrorism, he said, “This is a new day with new priorities and we have higher expectations. If you see something that is irregular or out of the ordinary, bring it to our attention.”

The speaker was followed by a presentation of monetary prizes to the top entries in the 2002 Law Day Art Contest and the first place winner in the essay contest.

All art winners are fifth graders at Bakerfield Elementary School. Jacob Price won first place, Tyler Klunk won second, and Vanessa Whiteford received third. Jennifer Moore and Mary Metelski were presented certificates of achievement for their artwork.

A 2002 Law Day Essay Contest Certificate of Excellence, and a \$75 prize went to Victoria Baugher, a freshman at C. Milton Wright High School, for her winning essay, ‘Assuring Equal Justice for All.’

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Garrison, the Harford County Bar Association and APG’s Military and Civilian Spouses Club sponsored the contest.

(Editor’s note: The essay is printed below with the author’s permission.)

## Assuring Equal Justice for All

By **Victoria Baugher**  
Law Day Essay Contest Winner

Our world is ever changing, however since September eleventh, we have had to look at the world in a different light. The United States of America was built on assuring equal justice for all. Now our country and its people are being tested.

The basis of the American government is the Constitution. Written in 1776 AD the Constitution grows with the United States through the process of amendments. Article six of this living document, the federal supremacy clause, states that the Constitution is the “supreme law of the land.” Everyone’s actions are held up to the same laws, no one is treated unfairly or special, this ensures justice. Also, all courts decisions must uphold the Constitution. The only way to change the Constitution is by amendments, which need to be approved by 3/4 of the 50 states. All American people are key in the making of laws. The government sides with the majority of people, yet ensures the minority is heard and their rights recognized. This creates equality.

The Bill of Rights establishes freedoms that every American is entitled to. The first amendment secures America’s diversity by granting the freedoms of religion, speech, press, peaceful assembly, and petition. We tolerate and



accept other’s beliefs even if those beliefs are not ours. We wouldn’t want to be treated unjustly if in their position. Our

rights are not limited only to those listed in the amendments, the tenth amendment states that the people have rights not limited to the ones listed in the Constitution.

The 14th amendment is an extension of the Bill of Rights. It enforces the idea that a person may act on his rights until his actions impede on the rights of others. In conclusion, this amendment provides a law against discrimination.

Even though the United States has been attacked by Middle Eastern terrorists we do not stereotype the millions of Middle Eastern people of this world and discriminate against them. Our society is an accepting one. The Constitution and the amendments ensure equal justice for all. The document protects and guides us through uncertain times; it is a scale that balances us to ensure equality. The United States of America has been

through some difficult and trying times. This may be one of those times, but I know our county will once again rise above this time of doubt. Freedom and equality is what the United States and the flag stand for. America is proud of its diversity. It is up to us, the American people, to make sure it remains that way.

## Volleyball update



The following results were reported for the intramural volleyball post-season tournament.

**May 18**  
USMC defeated NCOA, 15-11; 12-15; 15-7  
Company E 16th defeated HHC 16th, 15-7; 14-16; 15-5  
HHC 143rd defeated Company A 143rd, 16-10; 15-0  
Company E 16th defeated USMC, 10-15; 15-6; 15-9

MRICD defeated HHC 143rd, 15-3; 15-8  
HHC 16th defeated NCOA, 15-3; 15-8  
**May 19**  
Company E 16th defeated MRICD, 15-3; 15-8  
HHC 16th defeated HHC 143rd, 15-7; 15-11  
USMC defeated Company A 143rd, 15-8; 15-4  
USMC defeated HHC 16th, 11-15; 15-9; 15-12  
MRICD defeated USMC, 15-6; 15-9



# Community Notes

**FRIDAY  
MAY 24  
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Baltimore Symphonic Band will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Sue Dieter, 410-343-2611, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**MONDAY  
MAY 27  
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE, LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT**

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Unit Ministry Team will participate in a Community Memorial Day Vesper Service in support of Operation Noble Eagle in Chambersburg, Pa., at 7 p.m. The team, consisting of Chaplain Lt. Col. Lonnie Southern and Spc. Chad Emrick, are assisting in planning and conducting the service to be held in the old post chapel at Letterkenny Army Depot. Southern will be the guest speaker. The United Church Council of Chambersburg is the host organization. For more information, call Southern at 410-436-4107/4109.

**FRIDAY  
MAY 31  
OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT, DANCE**

All poets are welcome to the Open Mike Poetry Night, 8 to 11 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, Aberdeen. Dancing will be held from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Dress to impress - no jeans, boots, bandanas, sweats or sneakers. Open to ages 21 and over with proper ID.

Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$10 at the door. Music will be provided by DJ Sir Knight. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Copeland, 1-877-937-9936.

**WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY  
JUNE 5 & 6  
ARMY LODGING FURNITURE SALE**

APG Army Lodging will hold a furniture sale June 5 and 6, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in building 3560, Rodman Road. Items available for sale include tables, lamps, chairs, desks, dressers, chests, beds, nightstands, pictures, drapes, bookshelves, and other furniture items.

All items will be sold as priced and in “as is” condition. There will be no refunds. Payment method is by cash, check or money order only. Pick-up time for items purchased during the sale will be June 7, noon to 4 p.m. at building 3560.

For more information, call Teresa Martin, Army Lodging, 410-278-4655, ext. 7725, or fax 410-278-5515.

**SATURDAY  
JUNE 8  
MILITARY/FIRE/POLICE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Community Recreation Division APG/MWR and the World Natural Power Lifting Federation present the 2002 Military/Fire/Police Championships, 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Athletic Center, building 3300. A \$30 sanctioned registration fee is required when registering.

For more information or to register, call Stacie Edie, 410-278-3931, or e-mail her at stacie.edie@usag.apg.army.mil by May 17.

**RUMMAGE SALE**

The Salem United Methodist Church will hold its annual rummage sale, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Furniture, clothes, collectibles, baby items, household items, sports equipment and more has been collected. Face painting for the kids, hot dogs, drinks and homemade baked goods will be available. Salem United Methodist Church is located at 7901 Bradshaw Road, between Route 1 and Route 7 in the Kingsville area. For more information, call Karen Holthaus at 410-638-8777.

**FRIDAY  
JUNE 14  
APG CELEBRATES 227TH ARMY BIRTHDAY**

Make reservations now for the annual Army Birthday celebration at Top of the Bay, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Entertainment will be provided by the 389th Army Band (AMC’s Own) and a DJ. The main menu will cost \$25 per person; a vegetarian dinner will also be provided for \$24 per person.

To purchase tickets, contact your unit first sergeant. Deadline to respond is June 7.

**SATURDAY  
JUNE 15  
AN EVENING OF WINE AND JAZZ**

The Susquehanna Museum of Havre de Grace at the Lockhouse will sponsor the 10th annual Evening of Wine and Jazz at the Havre de Grace Community Center, 7 to 11 p.m. The evening will feature entertainment by the Gentlemen of Jazz. There will be line and silent auctions (some antiques), light refreshments, beverages, desserts, a \$500 Savings Bond raffle from Harford Bank and door prizes. Tickets cost \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Funds will benefit the Lockhouse. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-5780 or 410-272-0819.

**FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY  
JUNE 21 to 23  
CWF WEEKEND GETAWAY TO CAPE MAY**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a weekend getaway to Cape May, N.J. Lodging at the Grand Hotel provides ocean view rooms, an inside pool and jacuzzi, and easy access to the boardwalk, beach restaurants and shopping.

The prices are \$315 for a single; \$176 per person for double occupancy; and \$138 per person for triple occupancy. These prices include transportation and hotel accommodations.

For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

**SATURDAY  
JUNE 22  
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit VFW Post 8185 will be held at the

Port Deposit VFW Post 8185, Route 222, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks, and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Anne Gibson , 410-378-3338, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**FRIDAY  
JULY 12  
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Ladies Auxiliary to the Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City will be held at the Chesapeake City Fire Hall (2nd floor) 215 Lock Street, Chesapeake City at 6 p.m.; bingo starts at 7 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Lori, 410-287-0827, or Carol, 410-885-5060.

**FRIDAY  
JULY 19  
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Judy Hinch, 410-272-7585, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**FRIDAY  
AUGUST 23  
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit Aberdeen Police Association will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Judy Hinch, 410-272-7585, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

## EA, AA YARD SALES

**EA, AA COMMUNITIES TO HOLD YARD SALES**

The Aberdeen Area of APG will hold a Community Yard Sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, and Sunday, June 9. Rain date will be Saturday, June 15 and Sunday, June 16. Participating housing areas include Patriot Village, Mobile Home Park, New Chesapeake, Bayside Village, School Street, Plumb Point Loop and Hopkins loop.

The Edgewood Area of APG will hold a Community Yard Sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23. Rain date will be Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30. Participating housing areas include Everette Road, Deer Run, Grant Court, Skippers Point, Clearview Drive, Chevron Drive and Austin Road.

All family housing residents are invited to participate. The Community Life Mayoral Program is sponsoring the yard sales.

The following yard sale guidelines apply:

- All family housing residents are eligible to participate. Set up your items in front of your house.
- Signs announcing the sale may be erected in the immediate vicinity only on day of the sale.
- Signs will not be affixed to traffic signs, utility poles, trees, lamp poles, or fences. Signs should be placed on a wooden stake and placed in the ground.
- Signs will be removed at the end of the sale, and residents are responsible for policing their area.

(Note: At the end of the sale, Aberdeen Area residents may donate any remaining items to the AA Thrift Shop by placing them in the drop box just outside building 2458.)

For more information on the Community Yard Sale, call 410-306-2011.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As most know, the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools hosts Ordnance Week every year and hundreds of ordnance soldiers converge on Aberdeen Proving Ground. What a lot of folks don’t realize is that the Ordnance Corps Association hosts an annual golf tournament.

This year’s tournament was held May 9 at Ruggles’ Golf Course. We had 132 golfers and the outing was a great success with super weather and opening comments by the commander.

We could not have conducted such an event without the help and support of our local sponsors. Every year local businesses donate items and the same organizations help year after year.

I would like to acknowledge their support in the post newspaper so the soldiers, airmen, and Marines know that these local community businesses support the post and what we do.

Listed below is the name and location of our local supporters.

- Bank of America, APG Branch**
- Sentmans Distributors, Elkton**
- Jiffy Lube, Aberdeen**
- HARCO Auto Park, Aberdeen**
- Churchville Golf, Churchville**
- Melvins Goodyear Tire, APG Location**
- 1st Command Financial, Aberdeen**
- Grumpys Bar & Grill Aberdeen**
- APG Morale, Welfare and Recreation**

Thank you,  
CW4 Pete Hill  
Golf Tournament Committee  
410-278-4195

## MOVIES

The Post Theater will be closed Friday, May 24 and Saturday, May 25 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

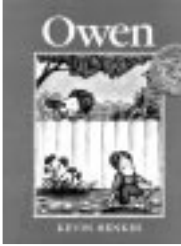
These recently published titles are available at the APG



**A Single Shard**  
by Linda Sue Park



**The Three Pigs**  
by David Wiesner



**Owen** by Kevin Henkes

**Click, Click, Moo: Cows That Type** by Betsy Lewin



**Martin's Big Words** by Doreen Rappaport

**Tops & Bottoms** by Janet Stevens



**'More More More' Said the Baby** by Vera B. Williams

**A Ring of Tricksters** by Virginia Hamilton



**Seven Blind Mice** by Ed Young

You can receive a complete listing of the library's new materials via e-mail and also reserve items electronically. Contact the library at 410-278-4991 for details.

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Edgewood Area library is only open on Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## OC&S LIBRARY

The Ordnance Center and Schools Library is located in the basement of building 3071.

**A Moral Military** by Sidney Axinn

**The Pacific War 1941-1945** by John Costello



**Dictionary of Computer and Internet Words** by Editors Of American Heritage Dictionaries

**Master the GED Language Arts, Writing 2002** by Sharon Sorenson

**Master the GED- Social**  
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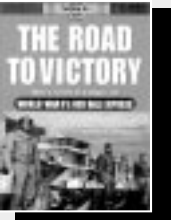


**Master the GED-Science**  
by Arco Thomson Learning

**Paris Kanonen-the Paris Guns (Wilhelmgeschutze) and Project HARP** by G.V. Bull / C.H. Murphy

**The Road to Victory** by David Colley

**Public Papers of Presidents, William J. Clinton Book 1-2**  
by William J. Clinton



**The Encyclopedia of the Vietnam War, A Political, Social & Military History**  
by Spencer C. Tucker

The OC&S Library hours are Monday, noon to 4:15 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Friday, noon to 4:15 p.m.

## LIBRARY STORYTIMES

Storytime for preschool children is presented every other week throughout the summer, in the Edgewood Area on Tuesday and the Aberdeen Area on Wednesday. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their children in to hear stories, songs, and fingerplays appropriate for 2 to 5 year olds.

Storytime starts at 9:45 a.m. and lasts 20 to 30 minutes. No advance registration is required at this time.

The EA library is located in building E-4405 and the AA library is in building 3320. For more information, call Bill Todd at 278-3417.











# MRICD’s disability program recognized by state of Maryland

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense received the Chester A. Troy Employer of the Year Award of Merit from the Maryland Governor’s Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

The award recognizes the institute’s efforts to promote employment opportunities for qualified individuals with disabilities beyond what is mandated by law. In recognition of this honor Harford County Executive James M. Harkins presented MRICD with a certificate of appreciation. The organization was also the Harford County Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities Employer of the Year for 2001.

Mary Kuhlman, coordinator for the Harford County Public Schools Transitioning and Cooperative Education Office, nominated MRICD for the county and state awards. Kuhlman coordinates the services provided by Harford County public school students, such as landscaping around MRICD facilities, a recycling pick-up program, and support for the Chemical Casualty Care Division training courses, which is part of the institute’s successful Partnership in Education Program with the school system. This model program provides students with a unique learning place and affords

them a positive, paid working experience. In return, the students provide invaluable, much needed support to MRICD.

“Many of the students who have successfully completed this program are productive members of society due in a large part to the work experience they gained at the institute,” Kuhlman said.

The institute has also integrated into its workforce several individuals with hidden disabilities that might not “fit” into a specific disability program. Approximately 20 percent of MRICD’s workforce possesses some type of disability. Employees with disabilities are placed in positions, provided with on-the-job training, and given work-related refresher training.

Col. James Romano Jr., MRICD’s commander, said, “Obviously, the workforce at MRICD thrives since the laboratory has either won or been runner-up for the Army’s Research and Development Organization of the Year four times since 1992.”

In 1997, MRICD was named the Maryland Governor’s Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities Large Employer of the Year, after receiving the Harford County committee’s Employer of the Year award in 1996.

# Water, does a body good

**Maj. Linda McKinney-Wilson**  
KUSAHC

Water is the most important nutrient in your body. The thirst mechanism tells us when we need to drink, thus preventing dehydration.

Many people use thirst as a warning for dehydration. However, it is possible to lose fluid too quickly or at such a rapid rates that the normal thirst mechanism is overwhelmed. When this occurs dehydration can ensue to the point that medical intervention is required to restore normal hydration status. Fluid loss up to 5 percent is considered mild; up to 10 percent is moderate; and up to 15 percent is considered severe dehydration.

Total body water in relation to body weight is 60 percent for the average male and 50 percent for females. This difference is because men have more lean body mass compared to women who tend to have more fat.

Fat cells contain less water. With increasing age, the total body percentage of water declines as the amount of fat increases and muscle mass decreases.

Medical conditions such as kidney problems can alter the total body percentage of water. Individuals on special diets or medications restricting fluid intake

should consult a physician for guidance to avoid dehydration or other complications.

The primary sources of water for the body is drinking, food and water from oxidation.

Water is lost from the body through four routes: respiration, perspiration, urination and defecation. Through normal daily activities the body loses four liters, which is replaced by the fluid and the food consumed.

During normal respiration, water is lost from the lungs through evaporation. Perspiration or sweat is water loss and varies with the activity level of the individual. Heavy exertion produces increased sweating and increased water loss from the body.

Urination is a natural way of clearing the blood of waste products. Individuals can monitor their hydration status by observing the color of urine. Urine should be clear

with a light yellow tinge. Decrease in quantity or dark colored urine in the absence of other health problems can suggest dehydration.

A small amount of water is lost with defecation, which is the mechanism for removing waste products from the body. Diarrhea can cause dehydration and may require medical treatment. Infants should be monitored for dehydration, as this is a very serious condition and warrants prompt medical attention. The infant’s fontanel (soft spot) on top of the head will sink in with dehydration and the mouth becomes sticky or dry. Other symptoms include dry diaper about 6 hours, crying without tears, sunken eyes and the skin below the eyes is darker in color. Seek medical care immediately if a baby is lethargic or inactive and difficult to arouse for feeding or diaper changes.

Medical experts recommend individuals consume eight to 10

glasses of water per day.

This includes the water contained in foods from a healthy diet. Many people are aware of this recommendation but admit that they don’t often meet that quota. Others believe that drinking eight to 10 glasses of any beverage meets the criteria and can prevent dehydration. Drinks containing caffeine, alcohol, or large amounts of sugar can cause body fluid loss.

Some strategies to help meet the quota include:

- Drink because you should.
- Don’t wait until thirsty to drink.
- Make water available. Keep a container of water at work.
- When finishing a beverage of soda or sports drink, refill the container with water and drink it.
- Add a slice of lemon or other fruit to the water to vary the taste.
- Drink before, during and after exercise. Remember this is in addition to the regular eight to 10 glass per day requirement.
- Drink a glass of water with every meal.

Infants require special oral rehydration solutions which replace lost water and electrolytes.

These products are located in the baby section of most stores. Consult your pediatrician for specific guidelines.



# When exercise and asthma collide

**Lisa Young**  
CHPPM

Have you ever found that strenuous exercise makes you cough or wheeze, especially when the weather is cold? This could be a signal that you are suffering from a form of asthma called exercise-induced asthma, or EIA, or exercise-induced bronchospasm. This type of asthma is actually not uncommon and occurs in approximately 10 to 15 percent of the general population. Some of the symptoms of EIA are wheezing, coughing, shortness of breath, chest tightness, fatigue and decreased athletic performance.

Asthma affects the airways and bronchial tubes in your lungs which become extra sensitive. EIA is a condition in which the bronchial tubes are constricted and narrow significantly during or after vigorous physical activity, although there is little inflammation.

According to the American College of Sports Medicine, the underlying cause of EIA is not clear but may be due to changes in airway temperature, changes in airway dryness, and congestion of the bronchial arteries. These conditions cause the mucosal vessels to become engorged resulting in acute airway narrowing of the lungs.

EIA is frequently triggered by something that sets off an attack. The most common trigger is strenuous activity in cold, dry air. Some other triggers occur during or after physical activity when breathing is hard, heavy or fast, when air is

cold, when humidity is very low or very high, when air pollution is high, when the allergen count is high in the air, and when there is an infection of the breathing passageways.

Should people with EIA stop exercising? No, enjoyable safe exercise is even more important for someone with asthma. It takes about six minutes of exercising to bring on EIA. Different kinds of exercise may cause more wheezing or chest tightness than others. Swimming is better than running or cycling indoors, which is better than running outdoors. Sports and exercises, which consist of short bursts of activity with rest periods in between, may be more suitable for people with EIA.

If you suffer from this condition, what can you do to reduce your frequency of attacks?

See your physician to receive appropriate overall medication to control your asthma. Current treatments for EIA include the use of bronchodilators, anti-inflammatory compounds, and a variety of other medications.

As directed by your physician, you may use a short-acting reliever inhaler 15 to 30 minutes before exercising as a preventive measure. Your physician may also recommend a long-acting reliever aerosol spray or one-a-day-pill that may be able to reduce the drug dosages and side effects of these medications.

Choose exercises in settings that allow for warm, moist air such as swimming. Warm-up with short periods of light exercise before exer-

cising and get into a regular training routine.

Increased breathing during exercise causes the lining of the airways to become cooler and drier, possibly bringing on the asthma attack. During winter you may need to exercise indoors or wear a cold weather facemask to keep cold, dry air from entering the airways. Wearing a mask warms the air before you inhale it. Breathing through your nose also warms the air more than mouth breathing and may prevent EIA.

Many people, including successful athletes, have EIA. You can remain healthy and physically fit with proper education and medication.

For additional information on asthma, some resources are:

- “Managing Your Asthma: A Patient’s Guide” pamphlet. The pamphlet may be ordered from the Asthma Toolkit through the U.S. Army MEDCOM Quality Management Office at <http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/qmo/asthfr.htm>.
- Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, [www.aafa.org](http://www.aafa.org)
- National Asthma Education and Prevention Program, National Heart Lung and Blood Institute Information Center, [www.nhlbi.nih.gov/nhlbi/ntlabi.htm](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/nhlbi/ntlabi.htm)
- n American College of Sports Medicine Current Comments, January 2000 on Exercise-Induced Asthma, <http://www.acsm.org/pdf/EIA.pdf>.

# Top 10 financial tips for service members



**Arcelio Alleyne**  
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1. Pay yourself first by putting away 10 percent of your take-home pay in savings/investment account. To accumulate wealth you must understand the “time value of money” and the impact of compounding interest.
2. Establish financial goals. Set immediate, intermediate and retirement savings goals for

- yourself and your family.
- Review and update your goals annually.
3. Establish a budget and stick to it. Track your expenses — small purchases add up quickly. A daily cup of coffee can cost you \$200 a year.
4. Use credit sparingly and wisely. Plan for large purchases or gifts. Credit should be for emergencies only.
5. Never use your government credit card for

- personal or other unauthorized purchases.
6. Learn the principle and types of life insurance available. Buy only what you need. Remember, the primary goal of life insurance is to replace family income in the event of a breadwinner’s death.
7. Beware of scams and rip-offs. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
8. Stay financially current by reading and taking

- courses.
9. Set aside money for unexpected events, such as deployments, car repairs, or extra medical and dental expenses.
10. Know your rights under the Fair Collection Practices Act and Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Civil Relief Act of 1940. Information on these laws is available through your installation Legal services office.





# Army News



## Army refines officer evaluation report

**Joe Burlas**

*Army News Service*

Though the latest version of the officer evaluation report is working the way it is supposed to, according to personnel managers, refinements to the OER system are on the way.

Approved refinements include: revising the rater portion of the report to separate performance and potential remarks; "masking" all lieutenant OERs upon promotion to captain; reviewing the possibility of masking chief warrant officer 2 OERs upon promotion to chief warrant officer 3; emphasizing current counseling and mentoring obligations; and conducting an annual assessment of the system.

The refinements are based on the recommendations of an eight-month review of the OER system that ended in April.

"The officer evaluation report is doing the job it was designed to do — that is, to assess the performance and potential of officers in a man-

ner that provides an effective tool to identify, assign and select the best qualified officers for promotion, education and command," said George Piccirilli, Total Army Personnel Command officer evaluation system chief. "We know the OER is providing selection boards the information they need to select the leaders the Army needs."

Piccirilli should know how well the OER system is doing the job it was designed to do as he briefs each officer board on the OER and reviews selections results and board surveys when the board concludes. He said he has gotten a lot of feedback in the last year that board members find it difficult to separate the rater performance remarks from potential ones as both are entered in the same section of the OER. To alleviate that confusion, PERSCOM will soon put out a message to double space between performance and potential comments until the actual OER form can be revised and fielded.

The OER review was prompted in part by the officer Army Training and Leader Development Panel, released last May, that reported a perception in the field that Army culture expected a zero-defects performance of its leaders. The officer ATLDP also found a perception that a "center-of-mass" check on the OER by the senior rater meant no possibility of promotion beyond captain.

Center-of mass-ratings are not a killer, Piccirilli said, and promotion board results bear that out.

Statistics from fiscal year 2001 boards show that the majority of officers selected for promotion to major, lieutenant colonel and colonel had a mix of center-of-mass and above-center-of-mass reports. Only about 10 percent of the officers considered for major, lieutenant colonel and colonel had all above-center-of-mass OERs when their boards met. In fact, 11 percent of those selected for promotion to major and 17 percent of those picked up for lieutenant

colonel had nothing but center-of-mass ratings on their OERs.

A senior rater's ability to give above-center-of-mass ratings is limited by regulation to no more than 49 percent of the reports rendered in a particular grade, thus ensuring reports do not get inflated, Piccirilli said. "It allows senior raters the opportunity to advance their best, with the confidence others can't inflate," he said.

As part of the OER review, senior leaders and surveyed junior officers were offered alternatives to the senior rater portion of current OER. Almost all chose to remain with the current system, Piccirilli said.

Piccirilli further stated feedback from selection boards clearly indicates that board members weigh an officers' entire file during deliberations, factoring in the officers' assignment history, career progression and evaluation reports.

## COOL Web site helps soldiers certify skills for jobs

**Joe Burlas**

*Army News Service*

Soldiers who want to develop professional civilian skills while serving in the Army now have a COOL way to see what can be required for the career field they are interested in.

The Army Continuing Education Service launched a Credentialing Opportunities On-Line, or COOL, Web site April 15 that identifies the education, experience and testing requirements to earn certification or licenses for hundreds of civilian jobs.

COOL is located on the Web at [www.armyeducation.army.mil/cool](http://www.armyeducation.army.mil/cool).

"We do not credential soldiers for civilian jobs," said Louie Chartier, post secondary education program manger, Army Education Division. "What this program does is educate soldiers about what is needed in order to get credentials for the job they want to pursue following the Army.

The COOL Web site provides analysis information that links military occupational specialties with similar civilian equivalent jobs.

"It tells the soldier what to study, what work experience is required, [and] what the educational requirements are, so the soldier can manage his own pathway to the credentials he may need," Chartier said.

About 71 percent of Army MOSs have civilian equivalents that are subject to certification or licensure, according to ACES statistics.

The Web site allows a soldier to enter the analysis section by specific MOS, or, if interested in credentialing requirements outside his MOS, by job title.

For example, a 27D legal specialist will find that his Army MOS training and experience is creditable with the National Association of Legal Assistants for legal writing, research and litigation for a paralegal job. However, the 27D soldier will also see that he needs education credits in

intellectual property, bankruptcy and consumer protection law, in addition to taking and passing the American Bar Association paralegal certification exam.

Legal specialists also can be certified as legal secretaries, legal assistants, legal clerks and court reporters, according to COOL.

Costs for certification tests can run from \$100 to \$2,000, Chartier said. But the good news is soldiers can use the Montgomery GI Bill, she said. Authorized just last year, soldiers leaving the service with the Montgomery GI Bill can use up to \$2,000 of that benefit per test.

Chartier said she encourages soldiers to use Army Computer-Based Training, also known as SmartForce, for information technology preparation courses as equivalent civilian courses can be costly. SmartForce must initially be accessed through an Army Knowledge Online account or from a Department of Defense computer.

The SmartForce courses are free to soldiers and Department of the Army civilians. The SmartForce Web site address is [www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/eLearning/smartforce](http://www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/eLearning/smartforce).

The SmartForce courses have recently been reviewed by the American Council on Education for recommended college credits, Chartier said.

In order to improve Army recruiting which had been lagging for several years, former Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera directed in August 1999 the implementation of a number of initiatives — one being GI to Jobs, a program to expand opportunities for soldiers to earn civilian credentials related to their MOS. COOL is part of the GI to Jobs initiative.

Another part of GI to Jobs is Partnership for Youth Success, better known as PaYS at [www.armypays.com](http://www.armypays.com). PaYS is a program that allows a potential recruit to enlist with a guaranteed civilian job

waiting for him when he leaves the Army. There are currently 19 civilian companies with Army PaYS agreements, including BellSouth, John Hopkins, Sears, DynCorp and Pepsi.

"The Army had an Army Apprenticeship partnership agreement with the Department of Labor from 1974 to 1997" said Dian Stoskopf, ACES director. "DoL recognized MOSs education and experience by issuing certificates in a number of civilian career fields. The program was discontinued as soldiers complained the certificates were not recognized by unions in the local areas where they wanted to work.

As many of the current certifications on COOL are based upon partnerships with national professional and technical associations, Stoskopf said, the Web site encourages soldiers to ask certification or licensure boards in the area they want to work what their requirements are for appropriate credentials.



### MWR Arts and Crafts classes

To register for any MWR class, call Aberdeen Area Arts & Crafts, building 2407, 410-278-4207 or visit during hours of operation: Tuesday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed on Sunday and Monday. For more information, contact Holly Shisler at 410-436-2153 or [holly.shisler@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:holly.shisler@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Porcelain Dolls

Class participants will make a Sugar Britches doll by attending all three sessions on June 6, 13, 20 or July 11, 18, 25, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Edgewood Arts & Crafts building E-4440. Cost is \$30 plus supplies.

### Framing Class

This beginning class teaches the fundamentals of framing and matting. Students must bring an 8-inch by 10-inch picture to frame. Classes will be held June 27 and July 25, 5 to 9 p.m., at the Edgewood Arts & Crafts building E-4440; and June 1 and July 6, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Arts & Crafts building 2407. Cost is \$15 plus supplies.

For more information, contact Holly Shisler at 410-436-2153 or e-mail [holly.shisler@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:holly.shisler@usag.apg.army.mil), or Debbie Brooks-Harris, 410-278-2759 or e-mail [brooks-harris.debbie@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:brooks-harris.debbie@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Woodshop Orientation

The woodshop orientation is a safety course required in order to use the woodshop. Class dates are June 1 and July 6, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Edgewood Arts & Crafts building E-4440. Cost is \$3.

### Stained Glass

This beginning class will teach students how to make a simple sun catcher using the copper foil method. Class dates are June 15 and July 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Edgewood Arts & Crafts building E-4440. Cost is \$25 and includes supplies.

### Ceramics Class

This basic ceramics class teaches the fundamentals of mold pouring, glazing and painting. Class dates are June 8 and July 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Edgewood Arts & Crafts building E-4440. Cost is \$7 plus supplies.

### Mysteries of Wine

Visit the Fiore Winery, Pylesville, June 13, 7 to 9:30 p.m. and learn the mysteries of wine and the timeless art of wine making

from Erie Fiore, whose family has been making wine for over 400 years. Taste the different types of wine cultivated by this Harford County winery by sampling the wine. Directions will be given at registration.

Participants must be at least 21 years of age. Cost is \$25. Registration closes May 29. Registration is taken at the ITR Office, located in the APG Recreation Center, building 3326, or call 410-278-4907. For more information, contact Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or [chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Ocean City, Maryland

Spend the day at the beach, stroll the boardwalk, and take advantage of shopping at the outlet malls June 2, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. A \$30 fee includes deluxe motor coach and escort. Meals are not included. A bus will pick up passengers at Ames Shopping Center, Edgewood at 7:30 a.m. and return at 7:30 p.m. The same bus will pick up passengers at Ollie's, Aberdeen Shopping Center at 8 a.m. and return at 7 p.m.

Purchase tickets by May 29 at the ITR Office in the AA Recreation Center, building 3326, or call 410-278-4011/4907. For more information, contact Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or [earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil).



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### Scrapbooking Crop

Attention scrapbook enthusiasts. Come join the latest arts and crafts craze of telling your story through photographs and graphical embellishment. MWR is hosting a "crop" for beginners (\$15) as well as advanced (\$10) scrappers June 1, 9 a.m. to 2

p.m., at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326. A Creative Memories consultant will teach beginners how it's done.

Register at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326 or call 410-278-2621 by May 29.

For more information, contact Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail [earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Rolling On The River Cruise

Relax, dance to DJ music and sing to karaoke during the Rolling On The River Cruise, June 12, 6:30 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$35 (18 and older only). Everyone will receive one free drink coupon for beer or soda. The first 40 patrons to sign up and pay will receive \$5 off ticket price. For more information, contact Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or [chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Open Water Scuba Certification (PADI)

To get your Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) scuba diving certification, sign up for the class to be held June 1, 8, 15 and 22 with check out dive dates June 29 and 30. Class will be held 8 a.m. at the AA Shore Pool. Cost is \$220. Pool and classroom sessions are completed in just four classes followed by a weekend of dives in the pool and at a local quarry. The course includes the use of dive tables, textbook, logbook, scuba gear, wetsuit, hook, gloves, weight belt, tanks and certification card, which is your license to dive anywhere in the world. You must provide your own personal gear to include a mask, snorkel, mouthpiece, fins and boots. These products can be purchased from the class contractor. Two quarry dives will be required at the end of the course. Attendance on all days is required for certification.

Register by May 24 at the APG Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center, building 2407, or call 410-278-4124.

For more information, contact Stacie Edie at 410-278-3931 or [stacie.edie@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:stacie.edie@usag.apg.army.mil).





# Army to boot out microfiche

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*Army News Service*

The Army is saying good-bye to an old mainstay.  
After years of service, the microfiche system used by personnel units and soldiers to keep tabs on their careers is going the way of the dinosaur and dodo bird.

The online Official Military Personnel File will completely replace the old microfiche system by next year.

Over the coming months, the Total Army Personnel Command plans on pulling microfiche in phases, said Theresa McGuire, branch chief of Officers' Records. The first phase will be to stop sending microfiche to soldiers in the field, McGuire said, followed by eliminating the readers and associated accessories from PERSCOM.

Phase one should be completed by this summer, McGuire said. She said the personnel system should be completely electronic by next year.

The OMPF for every soldier is currently online on a test-run basis. By June 1, those records will be available to access, said McGuire.

Previously, only majors, captains, sergeants first class and staff sergeants

being considered for promotion had access to their online files. Currently, the OMPFs for soldiers eligible for promotion to lieutenant colonel or master sergeant are available online.

The old microfiche readers will become turn-in equipment, McGuire said. "What we're trading in is a horse and buggy and we're not getting a Model A, we're getting a brand new Chevy," said Col. Howard Olsen, the Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center commander.

Replacing the old microfiche system with an online system is "monumental," Olsen said.

"We're empowering the soldier to greater participation in career management," he said.

Under the old system, soldiers had to write letters requesting a microfiche copy of their records, said McGuire. Soldiers then had to wait four to six weeks for the microfiche to come in the mail.

"Then you had to find a microfiche reader, and those are hard to find," McGuire said.

With the online system, soldiers will be able to log onto their Army Knowledge Online account and view their records to make sure everything is correct and com-

plete.

If a document is missing, all the soldier needs to do is take a copy of the document to one of 30 digital centers and have the document verified and scanned in for addition to the record, Olsen said.

"It's going to allow people to update records in a day or two," McGuire said.

Promotion boards will also access soldiers' files via the online system.

When soldiers pull up their records, they're only looking at a mirror image of the actual files, Olsen said. The actual file is tucked away safely behind several computer firewalls in a database.

Off-site backups of the files are kept, too, Olsen said.

By putting personnel files on the Web, the Army will not only make updating and viewing personnel files easier, it will also save money, Olsen said.

Every six months McGuire's branch spends \$50,000 on film and developing materials, mailing costs and other microfiche-related expenses, she said. It also takes a four-person staff to mail the "fiches."

The price tag for providing microfiche records to enlisted soldiers was about \$350,000 a year, Olsen said.

Robert Phillabaum is the on-site coordinator for the Well-Being Lab. He can be reached at 410-278-4516.

The other four Well-Being Lab sites include Fort Jackson, S.C., Fort Bragg, N.C., 2nd Infantry Division, Korea and 26th Area Support Group, Germany.

With a host of proactive programs designed to enhance the lives of soldiers, retirees, veterans, civilian employees and their families, Aberdeen Proving Ground has a score of functioning "Well-Being" like activities in place, as displayed in the articles below on the Army Ideas for Excellence Program and APG Youth Programs.

Look for Well-Being updates and related activities in the APG News.

## Well-Being

*From front page*

"You are not only a manager of Well-Being, you are a subject of Well-Being," Joseph said.

"We have to look into and anticipate the needs of our people, and not wait until something breaks or goes wrong," O'Connor added.

They said that Well-Being goals include:

1. Initiate a comprehensive strategy that integrates Well-Being initiatives, programs, and resources to meet the Well-Being needs of the Army.

2. Provide a competitive standard of living for all soldiers, civilians, and their families. (Essential).

3. Provide a unique culture, sense of community and a record of accomplishment that engenders intense pride and sense of belonging amongst soldiers, civilians, and their families. (Defining).

4. Provide an environment that allows soldiers, civilians and their families to enrich their personal lives by achieving their individual aspirations. (Enhancing).

5. Ensure leadership that maximizes the positive, combined effect of intangibles on the outcomes of Well-Being programs and the integrity of the institutional strength of the Army. (Intangible).

Acknowledging that there are similar programs in place to address these issues, such as the quality of life program, Joseph said the goal of Well-

Being is, "to go farther than we have in the past. We will assess regulations, laws, procedures and policies that may block some initiatives. Our goal is to address these issues and find out what we can do to make them better."

The plan includes soliciting input from the military community and evaluating their feedback, then documenting suggestions for program enhancements.

Coggin said he is optimistic Well-Being will be adopted Army-wide.

"At the end state, degrees of satisfaction will be gauged based on feedback from surveys, and development panels. Reliable feedback is imperative. It's the only way to know if we are making a difference," Coggin said.

# Adding two cents pays off

**Yvonne Johnson**  
*APG News*

Some Aberdeen Proving Ground employees learned how putting in your two cents with the Army Ideas for Excellence Program can deliver a huge return on your investment.

Brian E. Frymiare, a mechanical engineer with the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, suggested a reducible outrigger payload simulator to test the widest and heaviest payload for the M870A3 semi-trailer.

He submitted diagrams, calculations and written explanations of how and why the suggestion would save money. Frymiare's suggestion saved the Army \$50,000. This brought him an award of \$400.

"This simulator can be rotated, changing from an outrigger load to a standard load, thus increasing its usefulness in current and future projects," wrote Col. Mary K. Brown, ATC commander in a letter of commendation to Frymiare.

"Your suggestion has created a more flexible and less costly alternative in wheeled vehicle testing."

Marjorie Sexton, AIEP program coordinator, said suggestions have declined over the last few years. Sexton said the command is trying to "rejuvenate the program, which has fallen by the

wayside.

"We want people to know we're here, and that the suggestion program is alive and well," Sexton said.

On a smaller scale, Terry Swearingen, a Directorate of Public Works equipment specialist took home \$150 after suggesting existing propane gas lines that were scheduled for demolition, be left intact and used to transport compressed air throughout the building.

"No matter how large or small a suggestion is, all ideas are good ideas if they are geared toward creating a smarter, more efficient Army," Sexton said.

"Understandably, some people are put off by the paperwork involved in submitting a suggestion but shouldn't be," she said. "Personnel should contact their unit representative or access the AIEP site for help with paperwork and forms.

Suggestions take some time to process, evaluate and respond to," Sexton noted.

Personnel may contact their unit suggestion representative or Sexton for more information on the AIEP, or access the DOIM Web site at [www.apg.army.mil/AIEP.htm](http://www.apg.army.mil/AIEP.htm); or e-mail marjorie.sexton@usag.apg.army.mil.

## Youth programs getting bigger, better

**Yvonne Johnson**  
*APG News*

Many of the youth programs on Aberdeen Proving Ground are becoming more education and skill focused thanks to initiatives under the new School Liaison/Youth Education Services program.

Managed by Ivan Mehosky of Child and Youth Services, the service is up and running with new programs designed to enhance education and job skills among area youths.

Mehosky said there are several new initiatives in the works.

"We're working on a youth sponsorship Standard Operating Procedure for transitioning kids new to the installation and school system, to help them adjust and make new friends and find out what's going on," Mehosky said.

He went on to say that because military kids move around a lot due to military assignments, this causes turmoil. The Army studied the problem through the Secondary Education Transition Study and came up with a way to help ensure predictability and smooth transition of military connected students from one school district to another. The cornerstone of this effort is a Memorandum of Agreement between the local school system and the installation, a partnership designed for the mutual development of reciprocal practices to help transitioning students adjust and succeed.

Mehosky said they are hoping the U.S. Army transition and outreach grant will come to fruition. The program, which focuses on after-school and summer con-

tinuing education programs in computer labs at post youth centers and at Royce Williams Elementary, Edgewood Elementary and Aberdeen and Edgewood Middle schools.

"We're going to try to make a dent with this so that each kid can grasp it and excel," Mehosky said.

An array of youth education programs will be offered throughout the year, ranging from small classes to large workshops. Parents and youths should check for the teen job preparation workshops designed to train youths in interview, resume and job search skill and in drug and alcohol abuse prevention.

"We will also have creative writing seminars in June," Mehosky said. "It's important for them to realize their dreams and put them in writing. No matter what you do, writing is so important."

Other classes include introduction to chess, baseball scoring, brass rubbing and reading programs.

"And this fall we will offer the new Tiger Woods goal-setting program," Mehosky said.

Mehosky said the "big news" in the EA is the formation of a military parents group under the Edgewood Elementary School PTA.

"This is exciting stuff because more parents are getting involved in the school and taking an active role in their child's education," Mehosky said.

"In a couple of months, we should have two active, viable groups of military parents in the Aberdeen and Edgewood Areas," he added.

Parents benefit as much as children

when they become involved in their child's education, he said.

"They become greater advocates of education, better involved and better informed to make decisions about education choices," he said.

"The military is definitely getting more involved," Mehosky added noting that the initiative is governed by the Department of the Army Child and Youth Program. On APG, this includes the youth centers, family childcare, youth sports, school liaison/youth education services, and outreach services.

The Army has directed that installations establish and In and Out Processing school liaison station for military personnel with school age children," Mehosky said. The liaison becomes the link to help ensure the timely transfer of school records to the gaining school district.

"It's a way to provide resources to military personnel firsthand and to help make their arrival and departure at APG smoother."

"Ours is the newest program in the Army," Mehosky said. "A lot of changes are taking place and we are learning as we go. It will be exciting, rewarding and a great satisfaction to help parents and kids become more empowered."

Mehosky coordinates with Linda Holloway, Directorate of Community and Family Activities operations officer, school liaison and Gina Dannenfelser, supervisor, child and youth services.

For more information about school liaison/youth education support services, contact Mehosky at 410-278-2857 or e-mail [ivan.mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:ivan.mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil).



## Commentary: It's a duty to reflect on Memorial Day

**Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs**  
*Army News Service*

This Memorial Day, May 27, at 3 p.m. the president wants the nation to take a moment and remember the men and women who died while serving their country.

When I first heard the request, I said to myself I hope I don't forget. Then almost immediately, I was ashamed for not realizing that it's my duty as a soldier to remember my fallen comrades.

There are too many of us out there who have Memorial Day circled on the calendar as a way to remember May's four-day weekend, instead of as a day of recognition and memorializing.

I'm speaking out against this disgraceful act because as a journalist, I've unsuccessfully tried holding back too many tears while covering Sept. 11 memorials. President George W. Bush wants us to put "memorial" back in Memorial Day, and spend a minute paying tribute to people who will never be forgotten in the hearts of the children, spouses and parents that they left behind.

The nation officially started celebrating Memorial Day in May 1868. In the beginning, it was proclaimed to be a day for decorating the graves of the Civil War dead. Since the Civil War, the United States has fought in seven wars, including the War on Terrorism, according to a statistical summary of America's Major Wars. In those wars more than a half million men and women in uniform have lost their lives, the summary states.

Not all deaths occurred on the front lines, with people engaged in direct conflict with the enemy. But just knowing the freedoms I treasure so much came at the price of their lives is enough to make me want to whisper a silent thank you.

Commanding officers service-wide will be encouraging their troops to take one minute to simultaneously pause in an act of national unity. The minute of reflecting on fallen heroes is not to replace regular scheduled Memorial Day activities, officials said, but to highlight the purpose of the 134-year-old tradition.

Installation radio and television stations are encouraged to announce the moment and then play Taps, and those driving at the time should turn on their headlights.

When the day was first observed, people were discouraged from having picnics and other forms of public entertainment. Supporters for Memorial Day worked to keep the day a solemn occasion.

I'm not going to spend the day grieving. Instead, I'm going to bask knowing that I meant enough to someone that he died for me to be free.

## Ozone

*From front page*

with the recommendations.

Ozone alerts are made available by checking for the Ozone flag, a white flag with a huge sunburst seen at the gates and other areas around the installation on unhealthy Code Orange and Code Red days, and by viewing the APG Web page and e-mail alerts.

"It's a good idea to check the Web site, which is updated

daily, before you leave the house. That way you can arrange your schedule to accommodate the recommendations," Khan said.

For more information on ozone or Ozone Action Days, call Khan at 410-306-2278.

*(Editors note: Rachel Swearingen contributed to this story.)*

## Codes and recommendations for Ozone Action Days

• Code Green means the air quality is good, generally due to mild temperatures, rain, or windy conditions. Participants are asked to carpool, keep engines tuned, and use environmentally-friendly paint and cleaning products.

• Code Yellow means there is a moderate level of ozone in the atmosphere, due to partly cloudy conditions, light to moderate winds, and mild temperatures. Participants should consolidate trips, limit idling, and set air conditioners to no lower than 78 degrees.

• Code Orange means the ozone is approaching unhealthy conditions. Temperatures may be in the high 80s to 90s, there is little wind and it is sunny. Participants are asked to refuel privately-owned vehicles after dark, avoid lawn mowing if possible, share a ride, or drive newer vehicles if possible. Government gas stations are closed from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Code Orange and Code Red days.

• Code Red means unhealthy ozone levels. Temperatures are generally in the mid-90s to 100 degrees, there is no wind, little chance of rain and sunny skies. During Code Red days, children, the elderly and those with health conditions affected by ozone should limit outdoor activities. If breathing becomes difficult, move indoors. All healthy individuals should limit strenuous outdoor activities and exercise. Everyone should limit driving by combining errands, car pooling, and using public transportation. Avoid mowing lawns, refuel privately-owned cars only after dusk, remember that government gas stations are closed from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Code Orange and Code Red days, and listen for further updates.





*Phil Ulzheimer of Bethesda demonstrates the speed of his World War II era German Kettenkraftrad, or chain motorcycle, as he zips around the vehicle rally grounds. He said the rare machine is one of only 14 in the U.S. and 140 in the world.*



*Joe Cappazzi's M2-4-233 1-ton cargo truck that was used by the Marines in Okinawa and Iwo Jima sits on display at the Military Vehicle Rally in Churchville on May 10.*



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*A full field layout show for mountain troops includes an array of winter caps, German Mausers, a pistol belt with ammunition pouches and bayonet and goggles.*



*From left, Chris Rode and Matt Santos of Harrisburg, Pa. model World War II era German Mountain Troop Uniforms.*



*Jack Gebhard poses with a dual 30-caliber machine gun he mounted in a 1942 Ford GPW Jeep.*

# Military rally draws collectors to Churchville

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Military collectors, hobbyists and enthusiasts flocked to the annual East Coast Military Vehicle Rally of the Military Vehicle Preservation Trust, held May 9 to 11 in Churchville. Proceeds from the rally, which featured military vehicles, hardware and memorabilia, benefit the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum.

Military enthusiasts from around the region attended the event, most of who are avid collectors looking to increase their collections or sell their wares.

Vehicles of various makes, eras and countries decorated the field that was filled with tents, booths and displays near the Big M Drive-In on Route 22.

Joe Cappazzi, a collector from South Jersey, said he has been collecting for the past 12 years. Among his collection was a fully restored International M2-4-233 1-ton cargo truck; the type used by the Marines on Iwo Jima and Okinawa, he said.

"I bought it for \$300 but I wouldn't part with

it for less than \$10,000 due to all the labor and man hours invested in it," Cappazzi said. He added that the vehicle has won numerous awards at other rallies including Best in Show in 1994 and the Commander's Choice Award in 1995.

Best friends, Larry Corson and Jack Gebhard used bamboo shoots to illustrate the Burma theme for their display of a 1941 GMC truck converted to a military-style vehicle and an authentic World War II-era 1942 Ford GPW Jeep. Gebhard's jeep featured a mounted dual 30-caliber machine gun.

"These were mainly used in aircraft," Gebhard said, adding that jeeps were equipped with 60-caliber machine guns. "I just decided to get two 30s and make something unusual," he said explaining the dual barrels.

He added that a lot of research went into the vehicle's restoration, noting the Army Air Corps symbols and acronyms on the vehicles that were used at the time.

"Americans worked on the Burma Road before the war," Gebhard explained as he pointed to the "AVG" symbol, indicating "American Volunteer Group" and the original Army Air

Corps symbol that included a red dot in the center. "The Air Force took that symbol when it was formed," he said, explaining the similarity. They removed the dot because it looked too much like a target."

One highlight of the show was a German Kottenkraftrad, or chain motorcycle used by the Nazis in World War II. The vehicle's owner, Phil Ulzheimer of Bethesda, Md., said the rare machine was his pride and joy.

"There are only 14 in the U.S. that I know of and only 140 worldwide," Ulzheimer said.

The odd contraption is part motorcycle, part truck and part tank with tracks running along both sides. It was used to traverse difficult terrain and to tow supplies and other vehicles.

"It was the favorite vehicle of the Panzers who used it for reconnaissance, of the Signal Corps which used it to lay cable and of the Luftwaffe which used it to tow jets," Ulzheimer said.

A collector for only two years, he said he was able to locate the craft in Germany. It required plenty of bodywork and repainting to make it show and road worthy, he said.

"The challenge was locating repair parts to

get her running," he added, noting that "an old machinist" had to create many of the parts.

He said the vehicle is extremely popular at shows and he often takes it to charity events such as one for the American Cancer Society in Jessup, Md., two weeks earlier.

"People just love riding in it," Ulzheimer said. "American GI's loved to capture these things because they were very useful and we had nothing like it," he added.

Also into German collectibles were Matt Santos and Chris Rode of Harrisburg, Pa. The two have been collecting since they were teens and showed a complete collection of German Mountain Troop gear, including uniforms, weapons and field gear.

"Here we have basic gear for field duty, WWII-era winter and summer uniforms and equipment for climbing and search and rescue," Rode said.

"This was state-of-the-art gear for elite troops who were similar in nature to today's 10th Mountain Division," Santos noted.

The rally is held in May each year in conjunction with Ordnance Week.